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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Haiti aid: Secretary of State Colin
Powell urged the international community on Tuesday to rally behind
Haiti's new government and help its
impoverished people build a stable
democratic government with a sound econo-

my.

Opening a donors' conference at the World Bank for the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, Powell said the task of the participants is "to help the people of Haiti build a future of hone."

Amber alert: A new technology debuting in 12 states will significantly extend Amber alerts, reaching cell phones, e-mail and handheld computers, and could also be used to transmit weather and terrorism alerts.

Starting Monday, police officers in Arizona and Washington were able to send Amber alerts — notifications of a child abduction — from a highly encrypted systein their cars, then update them with photos and more detailed descriptions, Warner said. Ten other states are expected to launch the expanded alerts this summer.

Chicken abuse: An investigator for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals captured video showing chickens being kicked, stomped and thrown against a wall by workers at a supplier for Kentucky Fried Chicken, which has been under pressure since last year over the treatment of animals.

Officials from Yum! Brands Inc., which owns the fast-food chain, saw the video Monday. Kentucky Fried Chicken "will require that the employee or employees responsible will be terminated," KFC spokeswoman Bonnie Warchauer told The New York Times for a story in Tuesday editions.

KBR investigation: A former employee of KBR, Halliburton Co.'s engineering and construction arm that performs much of its government contract work, has been subpoenaed by the Justice Department in an investigation of possible overcharges by the company in Irao.

In a Securities and Exchange Commission filing Monday, Halliburton disclosed word of that subpoena and another seeking information from the company about foreign subsidiaries that do business in Iran.

World

Whale hunting: Japan proposed hunting nearly 3,000 minke whales a year in the Antarctic, saying whale populations in the southern oceans were healthy enough to sustain the losses as it pressed the International



Whaling Commission to lift the commercial

whaling ban. Japan has long sought to overturn a 1986 ban on all commercial whaling, and Japan's proposal to allow the hunting of minke whales in the Antarctic came late Monday at the IWC's annual meeting, which, as in past years, has been dominated by the issue.

Fischer detainment: The Japanese government is preparing to deport chess legend Bobby Fischer for staying in Japan on an invalid passport, immigration officials said

Fischer, 61, was detained at the international airport in Narita just outside of Tokyo last Tuesday after trying to board a flight for Manila. Philipoines.

Seminary porn: Moving to contain a scandal that has deeply embarrassed the Roman Catholic church, Pope John Paul II appointed a special inspector Tuesday to investigate an Austrian seminary where authorities uncovered a vast cache of child pornogrophy.

The pope named Bishop Klaus Kueng, who runs the diocese of Feldkirch in south-western Austria, as an "apostolic visitor" for the embattled diocese of St. Poelten and its seminary.

War crimes immunity: The United States has renewed its call on its longtime ally Jor-

Ten Commandments monument: A work crew pulls the Ten Commandments

monument out of the Alabama Judicial Building in Montgomery, Ala., on Monday. The monument has been out of public view for nearly a year after Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore refused to follow a federal court order to remove it from public view. A federal judge had ruled the

prominent public display amounted to an unconstitutional promotion of religion by government.

The monument will go on a tour of the United States, ending up in Washington.

dan to extend immunity to American peacekeepers against prosecution for war crimes, officials said from both countries said Tues-

The latest American request came Monday from Lincoln Bloomfield, a US. assistant secretary of state, in meetings with senior Jordanian officials, including Foreign Minister Marwan Mussher. It echoed similar US. requests in recent weeks, Jordania government spokeswoman Asma Khader told The Associated Press.

Afghan elections: Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Tuesday shifted three of Afghanistan's powerful militia leaders to civilian and police posts in an attempt to keep uncoming elections fair.

The United Nations warns that armed factions could use their guns to sway the outcome of elections, though it says a presidential vote slated for Oct. 9 is less at risk.

Patrolling Malacca Straits: Seventeen naval vessels from Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia steamed into the Malacca Straits on Tuesday to begin their first coordinated patrols aimed at deterring terrorism and piracy in East Sais's maritime lifeline.

The unprecedented show of force by the three countries that border the straits aims to protect the vital, \$50-mile shipping lane from a "9/11 at sea."

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Little sympathy for alleged deserter from troops

By Joseph Giordono

Stars and Strings

SEOUL — Though the subject of a media frenzy in Japan and South Korea, the plight of a former U.S. Army soldier labeled a deserter after spending the past 40 years in North Korea stirs little passion or sympathy among servicemembers in the Pacific.

Charles Jenkins, 64, disappeared during a patrol near the Demilitarized Zone in 1965, the U.S. military says he deserted his post. Family members in the United States say he was kidnapped and brainwashed to stay in North Korea ever since.

On Sunday, the ailing Jenkins arrived in Tokyo with his Japanese wife, who was abducted by North Korea in 1978. His wife was released to Japan two years ago. She was reunited last week with Jenkins in Indonesia, a country with no U.S. extradition treaty, U.S. officials said they are willing to defer prosecuting Jenkins until medical treatment was completed, but will not drop the possibility of charging him as a deserter.

Though the saga has been a nightly feature on Japanese and South Korean news broadcasts, the majority of U.S. servicementers interviewed Tuesday don't recognize the name or have only a passing familiarity with the case. But for those who have followed the story, opinion is nearly unanimous: Jenkins should be charged, no matter how much time has passed.

"You can't just walk off the line and come back a bunch of years later saying, 'I want to come home now,' " said Sgt. Terri Mills, an 8th Army soldier shopping in the Itae-

Sgt. 1erri Milis, an 8th Army soldier snopping in the Itaewon district near Yongsan Garrison on Tuesday. Of the half-dozen soldiers she was with, Mills was the

only one who had heard of the case.
"If the military can prove that he's a deserter, then he should face whatever punishment is given to him. I mean, it's sad to see how poor his health is, and I'm sure he regrets some of whatever happened. But you can't start making exceptions for certain cases. You have to treat every-

At Misawa Air Base in northern Japan, airmen general-

ly were unsympathetic toward Jenkins' plight.
"He should be court-martialed. He left his post. Dereliction of duty," said Senior Airman Jonathan West of the
35th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "I don't care if he's

Tech. Sgt. Sean Murray, also of the 35th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said Jenkins should be held accountable, but spared a stiff punishment because of his age and ailing

"He is a deserter, so I think we still need at least an explanation. You can't just walk off your post and decide I don't want to do this anymore."

Marine Lance Cpl. John Bilanco of Camp Foster, Okinawa, feels that Jenkins is no good to the United States ex-

cept for intelligence.

"Jenkins is a defector," said Bilanco. "Let's bring this
guy to the United States, question him and gather intelligence on North Korea," said Bilanco. "If he does not cooperate with us, let's confine him for the rest of his life to a
ITS. sail."

At Yokota Air Base in Japan, some said the complexity of the case makes it hard to determine what's appropriate. "He's probably too old, too crippled to be punished," said Master Sgt. Robert Martel of the 730th Air Mobility Squadron. "If he did desert, he should do the time. I'm sure that was his concern coming back, and I'm sure he's willing to accept that.

"But we don't know all the facts yet. There are reports saying he was kidnapped. Until we know the facts, I'm not sure what should be done, but all that aside, he's too dot to be put in prison. He'll die there. He's ailing, and his kids won't get to see him. What do you do? Is there a middle ground for all of it?"

While Jenkins' failing health is a consideration, some say authorities remain obligated to address the case.

"You can't just forget about him," said Staff Sgt. Alberto Delgado of the 374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "If you let him go, it sets a precedent. Then what do you do? Forget about all those who fled to Canada, too?"

Tech. Sgt. Alfred Hough, of the 35th Communications Squadron at Misawa, was in the minority opinion. Hough said that while letting Jenkins go sends a bad message to other would-be deserters, he wonders if there shouldn't be a statute of limitations.

"If he deserted more recently, I'd say pursue it. But hell, how old is he now, 70º To me, it would just be a waste of our time and taxpayer dollars. If you're willing to hide out in another country for 30 some years and change your citizenship, who wants you as an American? Just let him go." Jennifer H. Svan, Vince Little and Mark Rankin contributed to this

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Accused U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins and his Japanese wife, Hitomi Soga, arrive at Tokyo's Haneda International Airport on Sunday.

Jenkins undergoes tests

BY AUDREY MCAVOY The Associated Press

TOKYO — A former U.S. soldier accused of defecting to North Korea decades ago underwent tests at a Tokyo hos pital on Tuesday after Washington said it would hold off, for now, on demands that he be turned over to face desertion charges.

The hospital where Jenkins was staying refused to provide any information about his condition. Tokyo has said Jenkins was suffering from the after-effects of abdominal surgery he had in North Korea several months ago and needed immediate medical attention. Government spokesman Hiroyukit Hosoda said it would be several days before the results of his medical examinations would become available.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said he hoped Tokyo and Washington could agree on a solution that would allow 64-year-old Charles Jenkins to stay in Japan with his Japanese wife, Hitomi Soga, and two daughters.

"There are legal issues concerning Soga's family living in Japan. We would like to explore solutions that would satisfy both Japan and the United States," Koizumi told resorters.

Pulse checking



LAMEL J. HINTON/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Airman Patrick E. Farmer, left, and Airman Luis A. Felix stand a force protection watch on the .50-caliber machine gun while the USS Kitty Hawk departs its operating port of Tokosuka, Japan. The Kitty Hawk Strike Group is one of seven carrier strike groups involved in Summer Pulse, an exercise demonstrating the Navy's ability to provide credible combat power across the globe, in five theaters with other U.S., allied and coalition military forces.

Correction

In Tuesday's editions, an Associated Press obituary for Charles Sweeney, who flew the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, described the B-29 bomber, named Bock's Car, as his plane.

Bock's Car was normally commanded by Frederick Bock. For

Book's Carl was instituted communication of records and some the mission to drop the second atomic bomb on Japan, Sweeney and Bock switched planes. Sweeney flew Bock's Car, and Bock flew The Great Artiste, Sweeney's airplane, according to Sweeney's family and official military histories.

Sweeney piloted The Great Artiste in a support role for the U.S. attack on Hiroshima, the first atomic bombing of Japan.

Search picks up for machine-gun bullets dropped from helicopter

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Sailors with metal detectors spent all day Tuesday searching for two machine-gun bullets still at large in Yokohama after a box of 200 bullets fell Monday from a helicopter on its way from Atsugi Naval Air Facility to the USS Kirty Hawk.

"They're going to look until they find them," said Brian Naranjo, Atsugi spokesman. "For as long as it takes, until it's all accounted for."

The searchers were split into morning and evening crews of about 25 each, Naranjo said. They and the Japanese police had recovered 198 bullets and the box they were in by Monday evening. The box, with the bullets, fell from an Atsugi-based H-60 Seahawk helicopter.

The metal box — about a foot long, 4 inches wide and 8 inches tall — fell from the helicopter around 7:45 a.m. Monday, according to the U.S. Navy in Japan. The box fell shortly after the four-member crew left Atsugi to

fly over and guard the Kitty Hawk after the carrier departed Yokosuka Naval Base.

The box fell about 328 yards, then hit a parking lot in Yokoham an City's Izumi Ward. No injuries or property damage were reported. Japanese police and Atsugi sailors had recovered all but five of the bullets by Monday inght, Naranjo said. Additionally, a few Japanese citizens found and returned some bullets.

An investigation is under way, according to Commander Naval Forces Japan; no information on how the incident occurred was available Tuesday. Helicopter crewmembers alerted Atsugi officials after the box fell, and naval officials reported the incident to Japanese authorities.

According to Japanese newspapers, Kanagawa police were notified around 12:40 p.m.

On Tuesday afternoon, officials from Yokohama City, Yokohama's Defense Administration Bureau and Kanagawa Prefecture visited CNFJ to express concern about the matter, said Jon Nylander, a CNFJ spokesman.

"If a thing had gone differently, it could have caused a fatal accident," the Kanagawa officials' letter noted. "It is regrettable that this sort of accident would make the residents uneasy."

The officials, Nylander said, "basically, wanted to know what happened, and to make sure it didn't happen again."

Aircraft parts such as bolts occasionally have fallen off, Nylander said, but this is the first time in recent memory that a box of bullets has fallen. Both the spokesman for the Kitty Hawk strike group and its admiral expressed concern Monday that the incident had happened and reiterated their commitment to the safety of Jananese citizens.

"I am gravely concerned," Adm. James Kelly said in a statement. "We'll do everything possible to ensure all the bullets are found."

The bullets are no more or less dangerous than other bullets, officials said: relatively stable but likely to explode if hit hard enough or tossed into a flame and definitely not to be fooled with.

"It's a live round," Nylander

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Response crews ready

Emergency drill at Yokota a success

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Strines

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -The call came in just after 8 a.m. Tuesday: An airplane had just gone down on base

Police, fire and ambulance

crews raced to the scene, which appeared grim and dire. Scores lay injured, including both those who'd been on the plane, and on the ground an unknown number were dead.

In this in stance, though, it was only a test a quarterly review of Yokota's ability to confront a serious in-

About 150 people took part in Tuesday's major-accident response exercise, according to Lt. Col. Martin Granum, who served as the on-scene commander. Emergency responders tackled the three-hour planned drill with

Oil sheen cleaned up

said Tuesday.

types of fuel oil. Chase said the oil was contained

bent materials. The oil was noticed shortly be-fore 9 a.m. Monday and the clean-up effort began immediate-

ly, he said.

An oil sheen seen floating on the water of Yokosuka Naval Base's Harbormaster Pier Monday was

cleaned up the same day, officials

Mike Chase, base spokesman, said it had not yet been deter-

mined where the oil came from or

how much had been recovered from the water. The Japanese Coast Guard had taken a sample of the oil, to determine whether it came from a Japanese or U.S. ves-

sel. The countries use different

with a boom, then cleaned off the

water with skimmers and absor-

An oil sheen is thin, translucent, see-through coating of oil on water. Chase said, thinner and less

viscuous than an oil slick.

assistance from numerous other base agencies, including the 374th Operations and Mainte-

nance squadrons. "It was a huge success,

how quickly we

brought order to

the chaos.

This exercise

is a good test

of our

organization.

Lt. Col. Martin Granum

On-scene commander

Granum said. "This is an excellent chance to practice and ensure our readiness for any mis-44 I'm pleased with hap. We nailed

> The practice sessions are conducted for two reasons: Yokota officials want to sharpen emergency response, using their medical, fire, security forces and readi ness personnel. And they also get a chance to test the base's com-

mand and control function, which includes senior wing leadership and several different organizations, Granum

On Tuesday, word of a plane "crash" reached Yokota's command post at 8:05 a.m., said 1st

with a community party outside Building 402. Staff will discuss

with a variety of programs including financial, employment and relocation assistance.

The party will run from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ACS building parking lot. Festivities will in-clude face painting, balloon toys, music and door prizes. Call DSN 263-4357 for more information.

Commander leaving

quish command of the 374th Mission Support Group on Friday, base officials said. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m. in Hangar 15.

a separate event slated for 7:30 a.m. in Hangar 15. He previously worked at the Pentagon.

vice commander

Culinary demonstration Visiting chefs from the famed Cu-

linary Institute of America will perform a demonstration for the Atsugi community from 2to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Officers Club. The chefs will then whip up a

Polynesian luau at 5:15 p.m. Saturday for all ranks, followed at 8 p.m. by a free Polynesian dance and music show on the Officers Club Tickets for the luau are \$18.75

and available at the club front desk. Call DSN 264-3620 for more information

Zama ACS turns 39

Army Community Service will celebrate its 39th birthday Friday Lt. Warren Comer, a base spokes-

programs offered by ACS and pro vide prizes and refreshments. ACS supports Army families

Col. Mark A. Correll will relin-

His replacement, Col. William Story, assumes the post Aug. 2 in a separate event slated for 7:30

Correll is headed to Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., where he'll serve as the 72nd Air Base Wing's

Yokota comedy iam

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -The Yokota Enlisted Club is hosting an adults-only Comedy Jam on Friday at 8 p.m.

The show features U.S. comedians Jamal Doman and Warren Durso. Cumulus Radio Broadcast ing personality DJ XSquizit, who's appeared at Japan's Club Heaven and Grand Slam, also perform and take part in the post-show party until 2 a.m.

Admission is free to Enlisted Club members. The cost for non-members is \$8. Call DSN 227-8820 for more information

From staff reports

man. With temperatures hovering in the upper 90s, immediate-response teams were dispatched to the site, where medical personnel handled triage, performed lifesaving treatments and prepared patients for transfer to the hospital.

Emergency responders dealt with 25 "casualties" in the exercise, including some fatalities, Granum said.

Officials briefly shut down both ends of Yokota's runway during the exercise. Base traffic was halted for about 30 minutes on the north and south overruns

"This allows us to get people out and practice these scenarios," vour eves open before vou face a real incident." Maj. Heidi Kjos, a flight sur-

geon who acted as the on-scene medical commander Tuesday, said routine rehearsals are critical in shaping the chemistry of emergency personnel.

"Every time you have a mass-casualty situation, you're trying to make organization out of chaos, which can be nearly impossible," she said. "It's always a good experience to get people out here and see how it works, just in case the real thing happens.

"It went fairly smooth. You always have chaos. It's kind of ex-



Lt. Col. Martin Granum, left, of the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Col. Marc Luiken, the 374th Mission Support Group vice commander, respond to a plane "crash" on the Yokota Air Base flightline Tuesday. Granum served as the on-scene commander of Tuesday's major-accident response exercise at Yokota

pected. Communication is the kev."

A few difficulties arose through out the morning, Granum said, the "normal confusion" one might expect in an emergency of

this magnitude.

"I'm pleased with how quickly we brought order to the chaos," he said. "This exercise is a good test of our organization."

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Filipino truck driver freed in Iraq

U.S. critical of peacekeeper pullout; deaths of 4 Marines also reported

BY JAMIE TARABAY

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - A Filipino truck driver held hostage in Iraq for nearly two weeks was freed Tues-

day, a day after his nation withdrew its final peacekeepers from Iraq — a move that met the kidnappers' demands but angered U.S. and Iraqi officials.

Also, four U.S. Marines were

killed in action in separate incidents in Anbar Province, a Sunni-dominated area west of Baghdad, the military said Tues-

Two Marines were killed while

conducting "security and stability operations" in the province, the military said. Another Marine was killed in action Monday and a fourth died of wounds received in action Monday in Anbar, the military said in a statement.

As of Tuesday, 891 U.S. servicemembers have died since military operations in Iraq began in March 2003, according to the Defense Department.

The Philippines government and the family of Angelo dela Cruz were overioved at his release. His wife. Arsenia, burst into tears upon hearing the news in neighboring Jordan. Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo grinned dur-ing a nationally televised address in the Philippines.

"We must rejoice at the good news, but our happiness must be tempered by the awareness that we live in dangerous times, and that we must work to create a more peaceful world," Arroyo said

The withdrawal by the Philippines has been strongly criticized by Iraqi and U.S. officials. Many, including Gen. John Abizaid, the top U.S. military commander in the Middle East, fear it will embolden terror groups to take more foreign civilians hostage to try to drive a wedge between the countries in the coalition.

Several previous hostage crises did not push other countries to withdraw troops.

"All of us know that if you appease terrorism you will sooner or later fall victim to it or be taken over by it," Abizaid said Tuesday in the Gulf kingdom of Bahrain.

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL

The Associated Press

militant group blamed for dead-

ly attacks on foreign and local

interests in Iraq threatened Japan on Tuesday that car

bombs would strike its troops if

"To the government of Japan:

do what the Philippines has done. By God, nobody will pro-

tect you and we are not going to

tolerate anybody," said an on line statement signed by the Khalid bin al-Waleed Brigade.

the military wing of the Tawhid

the statement, carried by an Is-

lamic forum, known as a clearinghouse for statements by ex-

"You didn't come to support

the people of Iraq but to protect the Americans. Your destiny will be the same of Americans,"

"Lines of cars laden with explosives are awaiting you; we will not stop, God willing," said

and Jihad group.

tremist groups.

the statement said.

they were not withdrawn.

CAIRO, Egypt - The Islamic

Militants threaten Japan

The ordeal of dela Cruz, a father of eight, had captivated the Philippines, since he was first shown on video wearing a bright orange garment similar to that worn by other foreign hostages who were killed by kidnappers.

With more than 7 million Filipinos working overseas, 1.4 million of them in the Middle East, many in the Philippines felt a personal connection to dela Cruz.

The news of dela Cruz's release came amid an ongoing wave of deadly violence across Iraq, much of it targeting police and other government officials, whom insurgents view as collaborators.

In the southern city of Basra, gunmen killed Hazim al-Avnachi. an Iraqi council member running for governor, along with his bodyguard and driver as they were pulling out of his driveway to head to work Tuesday, said council head Abdul Bari Faiyek.

Faiyek blamed the killing on opposition to the gubernatorial elections that were scheduled for Tues day, but were delayed in response to the shooting

The militants holding dela Cruz. who first appeared in a videotape July 7 surrounded by masked, armed gunmen, demanded the Philippines pull out its 51-member force here or they would kill him. At news of his release, dela

Cruz's family burst into celebra-

"I thank all who offered prayers for our family," Arsenia dela Cruz said from Jordan, where she had been awaiting word of her hus-



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Japan has dispatched about 500 troops to southern Iraq for noncombat duty to rebuild local schools, provide medical supplies and supply clean water. The military mission, begun earlier this year, is controversial in Japan as its first to a combat zone since World War II.

In April, Japan refused to withdraw its troops after three Japanese were kidnapped by Iraqi insurgents. The three

were later released Tawhid and Jihad is considered one of the most dangerous groups fighting coalition forces in Iraq. The group, led by al-Qaida-linked militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, has claimed responsibility for attacks on U.S. troops and Iraqi police and security forces that have killed hundreds, as well as the beheading of American, Bulgarian and South Korean hostages

The group's statement also warned Arab and Islamic governments not to deploy troops to Iraq, naming Jordan, Iran, Turkey and Gulf countries.

"We are warning you for the last time: We will hit with a fist of iron all those supporting the Americans or [interim Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad] Allawi or his cronies," the statement

'Strongman' reputation endears PM to Iragis

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - He promises "annihilation" for his enemies and laughs off threats against his life. Capital punishment will be back, he says, and rumors racing through the streets have him personally shooting terrorists in cold blood.

To Iraqis hurting from months of violence and chaos, interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi has developed the aura of a tough, per-haps brutal, leader. Surprisingly, that image has endeared him to many Iraqis, accus-

tomed to strongman rule.

A secular Muslim Shiite with CIA links and ties to Saddam Hussein's Baath Party in the 1970s, Allawi had been a member of the now-defunct Governing Council, but he was not widely known here when he became in-

terim leader of the country June 28. His blank public image has been filled in over the past three weeks, in sometimes fear-

some ways. One persistent rumor has him killing as many as six blindfolded and handcuffed terror suspects held at a Baghdad police station

just days before taking power. When asked about it at a news conference ly would not use the same tactics that Saddam has used, and we are, all of us, myself, as well as my government, far away from these activities.

Other stories making the rounds vary slightly in their detail, but the message is the same: Allawi, a 58-year-old British-educated physician-turned-politician, is a ruthless man willing to resort to horrifying brutality to restore security to Iraq.

These attitudes may be difficult to fathom given that Iraqis have suffered terrible injustices under Saddam — but they reflect people's impatience with the violence that try has to travel before it fully embraces human rights and democratic values.

In the three weeks since he took the helm, Allawi has shown resolve in trying to tackle the violence here, introducing emergency laws that give him the power to declare mar-tial law and order curfews. He said he would restore the death penalty suspended by the U.S.-run occupation, despite the European Union's opposition.

He has also ratcheted up the get-tough rhetoric. In announcing the formation of a new security agency last week, he said the service would "annihilate those terrorist groups."

Allawi's "get-tough" policy has yet to bear fruit, as suicide bombings, attacks on coali-tion troops, assassinations, kidnappings and



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IN THE WORLD

Palestinian government deadlocked in crisis

PM determined to quit unless Arafat cedes some power

BY MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank -The Palestinian prime minister told Yasser Arafat on Tuesday he's determined to quit unless the Palestinian leader yields more power to the Cabinet, leaving the government embroiled in crisis.

The confrontation between the Palestinian leader and the premier, Ahmed Qureia, centers on whether Arafat is willing to cede any of his absolute authority. Israel considers Arafat's stranglehold on Palestinian affairs an obstacle to Mideast peace.

At the end of an emergency meeting in Arafat's ruined West Bank headquarters, the two men deadlocked over who would have ultimate control over the security services and whether Oureia would stay in his job.

"President Arafat insisted in reiecting the resignation. Abu Ala insists on his resignation. The crisis goes on," Saeb Erekat, a senior Cabinet minister, told The Associated Press, using Qureia's common name.

Other ministers said Qureia ended the meeting by telling Arafat, "My resignation stands, I consider my government a caretaker government.

The crisis has been brewing since late last week, when Qureia submitted his resignation over his frustration with the breakdown of authority in Gaza and discontent over the disorder in the security services.

If he resigns and the government falls after less than a year in office, it would be a setback for Arafat, who wants to show some movement toward establishing democratic institutions in the Palestinian territories

The first prime minister of the Palestinian government, Mohammed Abbas, resigned after just four months in office because he found himself without any effective power. Now Qureia is making similar complaints.

Israel and the United States refuse to deal with Arafat, and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon says the lack of a Palestinian negotiating partner was one reason behind his decision to unilaterally withdraw from the Gaza Strip next

Oureia "told Arafat that his gov. ernment must have real authority, especially over the security branches, in order for it to be effective," said Qadoura Fares, a

minister without portfolio. Oureia left the meeting through a rear door of Arafat's headquarters to avoid reporters, leaving it unclear how long he would remain in the post or what

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, right and his prime minister, Ahmed Qureia, attend an emergency Cabinet session Tuesday at Arafat's office.

his next move will be

In Jerusalem, the head of the Israeli internal security service, Aviv Dichter, told a closed meeting of a parliament committee that Sharon's withdrawal plan has incited a dangerously hostile reaction among some Jewish settlers.

"He said there were dozens of people, with the backup of maybe 150 more, who want to see the prime minister dead," committee member Ran Cohen told Israel Radio on Tuesday. "I would put it that they want the prime minister murdered.'





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SEOUL - A senior U.S. official on Tuesday cited Libya's decision to jettison its program to build weapons of mass destruction as a good example for resolving the international dispute over communist North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

"We've had some successes in that area in the case of Libva renouncing the pursuit of weapons of mass destruction," Undersecretary of State John Bolton said in a meeting with South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon.

'I think as we prepare for the next round of six-party talks, it's important to keep all those lessons in mind.

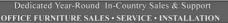
Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi has said his government and he opened its weapons labora-

tories to international inspectors. Three rounds of six-nation talks on North Korea's nuclear ambitions have been held in Beijing this year, but none has produced a breakthrough. The United States, Russia, China, Japan and the two Koreas took part

Bolton arrived in South Korea on Monday for talks on North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

"Consultations, I think, help us understand our positions and formulate a very coordinated ap-proach to dealing with the North Korean pursuit of weapons of mass destruction," Bolton said.

North Korea is believed to have two nuclear weapons and the capability to produce several more.





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Clinton adviser probed over missing memos

BY JOHN SOLOMON The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Sandy Berger, former President Clinton's national security adviser, is under criminal investigation by the Justice Department after highly classified terrorism documents disap peared while he was reviewing what should be turned over to the Sept. 11 com-

mission Berger's home and office were searched earlier this year by FBI agents armed with warrants after the former Clinton adviser voluntarily returned some sensitive documents to the National Archives and admitted he also removed handwritten notes he had made while reviewing the sensitive

However, drafts of a sensitive after-action report on the Clinton administration's handling of al-Oaida terror threats during the December 1999 millennium celebration are still miss. ing, officials and lawvers told The Associat-

ed Press Al Felzenberg, spokes-

man for the Sept. 11 commission, said Tuesday the Berger investigation will not impact the panel's work in any way. The 10-mem-ber bipartisan panel releases its final report

White House officials referred questions to the Justice Department

Berger and his lawyer said Monday night he knowingly removed the handwritten notes by placing them in his jacket and pants, and also inadvertently took copies of actual classified documents in a leather

The Archives, which is the nation's repository for presidential papers, is believed to have copies of some of the missing documents.The FBI searches of Berger's home and office occurred after National Archives employees told agents they believed they witnessed Berger place documents in his clothing while reviewing sensitive Clinton administration papers and that some

documents were then noticed missing, officials said

When asked Berger said he returned some classified documents that he found in his office and all of the handwritten notes he had taken from the secure room, but could not locate two or three copies of the highly classified millennium terror report.

In the course of reviewing over several days thousands of pages of documents on behalf of the Clinton administration in connection with requests by the Sept. 11 commission, I inadvertently took a few docu-ments from the Archives," Berger said.

Justice officials have informed the Sept. 11 commission of the Berger incident and the nature of the documents in case commissioners had any concerns, officials said.

Bush mulling intelligence chief, candidates for CIA

BY TERENCE HUNT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The White House reserved judgment Monday about whether to establish a Cabinet-level national intelligence chief.

President Rush said he was "still taking a good, hard look" at candidates to lead the CIA

A major reorganization of the intelligence community and creation of a Cabinet-level intelligence agency are expected to be among primary recommendations of the independent commission that investigated the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The commission announced it would release its final report Thursday at an 11:30 a.m. news conference, culmination of nearly 20 months' investigation into the nation's worst terror attack.

Rush said he would await the commission's report before commenting

"Some of the reforms, I think, are necessary: more human intelligence, better ability to listen or to see things and better coordination amongst the variety of intelligence-gathering services," the president said. "And so we'll look at all their recommendations."

He also said he was not ready to

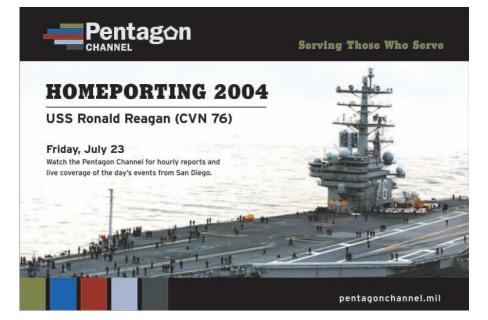
nominate a new CIA chief to replace George Tenet, who stepped down earlier this month.

Acting CIA Director John McLaughlin said Sunday he thought there was no need for a Cabinet-level national intelli-gence chief. White House press secretary Scott McClellan said McLaughlin was speaking for himself, not the administration.

The commission report also is

expected to discuss any relationship between Iraq's neighbor and traditional foe Iran and the al-Qaida terror organization.

Bush said the United States is exploring whether Iran had a role in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Bush noted that acting McLaughlin has said that there was no direct connection, but Bush said, "We're digging into the facts to see if there was one.



Hospital oversight group missing mark, investigators say

BY MARK SHERMAN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The private organization that clears hospitals to receive Medicare payments missed most problems later identified by state inspectors, potentially compromising patient safecongressional investigators said Tuesday.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, made up mainly of health professionals, failed to find 167 of "serious deficiencies" in a survey of 500 hospitals that were reviewed between 2000 and 2002, the Government Accountability Office said. The agency, Congress' investigative arm, was formerly called the General Account-

Many of the overlooked problems related to fire safety, while others involved substandard care. In a Texas hospital, a patient died after receiving a double dose of narcotics in the emergency room and "medications were administered without physician orders," the report said

A California hospital lacked "a sanitary environment to avoid sources and transmission of infections and communicable diseases and failed to develop a system for ensuring the sterilization of medical instruments," the GAO said.

Hospitals approved by the commission are considered automatically eligible for participation in Medicare. It holds a unique status among accrediting agencies in

that the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has no authority to force the commission to change its accreditation program

The commission accredited 82 percent of U.S. hospitals in 2002, the GAO said. Those hospitals received \$98 billion for care-covered services that year.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., who jointly requested the report, are introducing legislation to increase Medicare's authority over the commission

"While more may need to be done, the legislation we're introducing today will improve accountability by establishing a clear chain of command within the hospital oversight process," Stark said. "It will help assure that taxpayer dollars are being spent in facilities that meet Medicare's standards."

Commission president Dennis O'Leary said his group made sweeping changes to the accreditation process earlier this year. "In our view, it is irresponsible to alarm the public using statistics have little meaning O'Leary said in response to the GAO report.

Twenty-two of the 28 people on the commission's board represent hospitals, doctors and other health professionals.

Medicare chief Mark McClellan said his agency agreed with the GAO report, but noted that no problems were found in most hospitals that were reviewed

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Anthrax probe back at Fort Detrick

FREDERICK, Md. - FBI agents combed laboratory suites at Fort Detrick - home to the Army's biological warfare defense program — on Tuesday, and a source said they again were looking for evidence in the 2001 anthrax attacks.

The labs at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases have been closed since Friday, Fort Detrick spokesman Charles Dasey said

A law-enforcement source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press the activity is related to the anthrax mailings that killed five people and sickened 17 in autumn 2001.

FBI agents have frequently visited Fort Detrick since the unsolved attacks, amid speculation that the deadly spores or the person who sent them

mected to Fort Detrick. Debra Weierman, spokeswoman for the FBI's Washington field office, said the lab probe was 'an ongoing criminal investigation."

said could not discuss details of the activity House votes to fund vets health care

WASHINGTON - A House panel voted Tuesday to cut space, environment and science pro-grams next year, including giving President Bush percent less than the \$16.2 billion he proposed for NASA

The cuts, including deep reductions in the funds Bush wants to prepare for manned missions to the Moon and Mars, were approved on the 35th anniversary of the day Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong took man's first steps on the Moon

The reductions were imposed in a wide-ranging \$92.9 billion measure that also finances veterans programs. The savings helped lawmakers finance

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a \$2 billion increase for veterans health care, to \$30.3 billion, underscoring Congress' determina-

tion to provide such money at a time of war. "The choices have been brutally fair," said Rep. James Walsh, R-N.Y., chief author of the legisla-tion. Citing federal deficits that have spun to record levels, he added, "We've tried to do the best

we could.

Senate panel OKs flag-burning ban

WASHINGTON - A Senate panel approved a constitutional amendment Tuesday that would ban the burning of the American flag, but opponents of the measure say there's not enough support in the full. GOP-controlled Senate to push through a change to the Constitution

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved a one-line change to the Constitution — "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States" on an 11-7 vote, which pushes the issue to the full Senate.

"The flag deserves constitutional protection, and legal scholars agree that this amendment is the only way to restore the law as it existed for most of our nation's history," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

Even though some Democrats are joining with the majority Republicans to support the change in the closely divided Senate, there won't be enough support to get the required 67 votes needed to approve a constitutional amendment, said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., who opposes the change.

Many opponents say such an amendment would

limit free speech rights. In 1990, Congress passed another law protecting the flag, but the Supreme Court that year, in another 5-4 ruling, struck it down as unconstitutional.



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Trump fired as golfer?

Donald Trump may be a billionaire real estate developer with a hot TV show, but that doesn't make him

master of the golf course.



Trump, star of "The Trump Apprentice, was joined at the tournament by other celebrities including former basketball star Michael Jordan, TV personalities Maury Povich tennis great Pete Sampras

Former NHL star Dan Quinn's birdie on the final hole helped him win the contest.

Springsteen jams at Asbury

Two days after a tribute concert was held

for Bruce Springs-teen, The Boss showed up in Asbury Park, N.J., to offer an authen tic taste of his music Springsteen joined rocker Joe Grushecky onstage for an hour and a half: Grushecky played some of Spring-

steen's songs earlier in the week This time, the two

played more than a dozen songs, including "Johnny 99." Most featured extended jams

that included blistering solos by Springsteen

After the concert at the Stone Pony club. where Springsteen is known to occasionally drop in for spontaneous gigs, The Boss spoke briefly about an exhibit featuring him at the Newark (N.J.) Museum.

Springsteen said he did not feel any awkwardness in being the subject of a museum

"I take it as it comes," he said.

Damon times 2 — times 2

Matt Damon didn't plan to do a movie se uel - much less two back-to-back. The actor, who has already begun work op-

posite Brad Pitt and George Clooney on "Ocean's Twelve," also stars in "The Bourne Supremacy

First, I was skeptical about a sequel Damon told the Boston Herald in Sunday's editions. "Even when we promoted the first Stories and photos from wire service

one and that question came up - would I sign up for the next one? — I said 'No there is no next one.'



of Bagger Vance' had come out and bombed. and 'All The Pretty Horses' had come out and bombed," he said.

"The performance at the box office at the end of the day is the controlling factor of whether you're working or not as a leading man in high-end movies," he said.

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Qualcomm tests phones in flight

By DAVID KOENIG The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas - In one of the first legal in-flight cell phone calls, Qualcomm Inc. chief executive Irwin Jacobs sat in the front row of coach and chatted with a telecom lobbyist from 25,000 feet.

Jacobs and a group of reporters were aboard an American Airlines jetliner last Thursday that flew out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport for a demonstration of Qualcomm's

in-flight cellular technology

The flight re quired special clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration and Federal Communica-

tions Commis-sion. The FAA and the airlines ban in-flight cell calls for fear the signals could interfere with navigational equipment. The FCC is worried about

them disrupting terrestrial cellular networks

Reporters were given phones with code division multiple ac-

cess, or CDMA technology, and a few minutes to make and receive calls.

Qualcomm commercialized CDMA technology, a standard used by many top wireless carri-

Connections from the plane were generally good, although some calls were dropped. Sound quality was about the same as a cell call on the ground, other than the loud background noise on the MD-80 jetliner.

Clearly, this was early-stage airborne cell tech.

There was delay of about one second in voice communications. like that encountered when using a satellite phone which interfered with natural conversation. The delay was caused by technology that digitally transmits voice in data packets from the air-

to the

plane MD-80 jetliner. ground. Also, the caller could not hear the phone ringing on the other end,

which caused at least one report er to hang up while the person on the other end was shouting



alcomm Inc. chief executive Irwin Jacobs, right, talks on a cell phone from an American Airlines Super 80 jetliner last Thursday as the airplace flies over western Texas. Jacobs along with other officials from American Airlines and Qualcomm Inc. were aboard the jetliner with a group of reporters and photographers for a demonstration of cellular technology at 25.000 feet.

Monte Ford, American's top technology official, said he called his wife, secretary and friends in Paris and Madrid, Spain. He said domestic connections were better than interna-

tional. Jacobs said San Diego-based Qualcomm would spend the

next two years testing whether electronic signals interfere with the ietliner's avionics system.

He said improvements in the technology would include shortening the one-second delay Eventually, air travelers should be able to make calls and download movies with wireless devices aboard jetliners, he said.

A nonprofit aeronautics group, RTCA Inc., is working on guidelines for testing wireless devices aloft. RTCA did not immediately return calls for comment

The cost of outfitting jetliners for in-flight cell calls would be "minimal," Ford said, but he wouldn't rule out the possibility of the airline charging passengers extra for the calls

American has ripped seatback phones out of most of its planes. People found the phones ex-

nensive and inconvenient. Ford said "They waited to get on the

ground to make calls with their cell phones.' The seatback phones use

FAA-approved technology that doesn't interfere with jet navigation systems. And they were expensive.

Airlines generally charge about \$4 a minute plus a \$4 access charge.

Even before last Thursday it was widely known that cell phones will sometimes work on jetliners. On Sept. 11, 2001, several passengers aboard hijacked airliners called loved ones

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America, Bloomberg.com

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Agencies to protect you

Newsday

NEW YORK - The federal agency that polices interstate household moves has two investigators to look into unscrupu lous movers and three "specialists" to coordinate consumer complaint-handling

No wonder experts emphasize the need for consumers to do what they can to protect themselves.

David Longo, a spokesman for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, said the agency has been authorized to hire seven more investigators in fiscal year 2004. That agencv. a unit of the U.S. Department of Transportation, "believes the additional investigators will significantly increase enforcement activity," Longo wrote in an e-mail response to a Newsday query.

The federal agency offers information about interstate moves and movers.

Call 888-368-7238, or go to www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ factsfigs/moving.htm.

The American Moving and Storage Association, a trade group, also has a Web site that includes advice for consumers: www.moving.org.

THURSDAY EVENING / JULY 22, 2004

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7	AFN-ATL	(5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Aaahh! Real Mon- sters (CC)	Hey Arnold! Wrong restaurant.	Yu-Gi-Oh! (CC)	Jackie Chan Ad- ventures (CC)
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New unions affect military

After reading the July 16 article "Amendment banning gay marriage fails," I have to agree with Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist when he says: "The question is no longer whether the constitution will be amended. The only question is who will amend it and how will it be amended?

I don't hate gay people, but I do disagree with the lifestyle. I realize that people have the God-given ability to make decisions on lifestyle. I also believe that the marriage institution should be a godly one and not one that can be redefined by the gay community. I agree with Frist that the Massachusetts Supreme Court's ruling on same-sex marriage will affect far more than just Massachusetts. What will happen if someone from Boston who is married to someone of the same sex enters the military and wants to bring his or her legal "spouse" to an overseas location? Will they be given base housing together? Will the "spouse" have a dependent ID card?

The military will soon have to make a decision if, as Frist suggests, the constitution is amended to allow for same-sex marriages. If you would rather not have it get to that point, write your congressional representative. If you truly believe in marriage as a union between one man and one woman, make your voice heard. The gays and lesbians have: It is apparent by setts.

Ken Garcia Spangdahlem, Germany

Re-employment not automatic

With all due respect to the active comnonent the one problem that they do not have to deal with is the re-employment issue. I am a reservist who is on his fourth deployment in seven years. On the previous deployments, I have had the misfortune of being "terminated" from my job and not offered re-employment upon return from the mission three times. The first time ended with a legal settlement. The second actually had to be filed in the federal court system and along with the financial settlement was the stipulation that I cannot disclose the name of the employer that the suit was filed with. But, since the suit was filed in a court system that information is public knowledge and can be obtained by anyone.

This brings me to my current situation. I was mobilized for 12 months after the Sept. 11 attacks. Upon release from active duty, I returned to my employer, Ford Motor Co. in St. Paul, Minn., and applied for re-employment. I was refused and was informed I had been terminated. For more than three months I was without an income or insurance benefits for myself and my family. I had to request to be remobilized just to have an income and did another year on Operation Enduring Freedom orders

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Upon return from that year of service, Ford did rehire me. However, it has been 1½ years and I am still pursuing the three months of pay that they owe for not rehiring me, plus some additional benefits they had offered (such as pay comp for six months for making less money on active duty than I made at the Ford plant) Ford has yet to respond to my attorney, and at this point this case will be filed in federal court in the next few weeks.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 M.G. Minnaert

Camp Victory, Iraq

Democracy in Iraq?

So the government of Iraa is bringing back executions. And the prime minister is thinking about postponing elections and imposing martial law. I guess democracy is in the eye of the beholder. At least this version of democracy is better than what Saddam Hussein offered.

Chuck Mann

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Atheists have rights, too

In response to the July 12 letter "Only Christians told to change," I am sorry the author feels put out by what he perceives to be a lack of tolerance of Christians. But Christianity isn't the only religion and Christians are not deserving of special treatment

I have been an atheist since about 1977 and I have been proudly serving in the U.S. Army since late 1983. Does the writer think that my beliefs haven't been spurned during the last 20 years?

The examples are many. I can't count how many invocations I have had to listen to since I enlisted. All I ever asked for was the occasional opportunity to excuse myself during the prayers. What was I told? "Just go along with it.

Re-enlistments were always fun. My in-

sistence that the officer reading the oath substitute the word "affirm" for "swear," and leave off "so help me God" always got a positive response from everyone in attendance (just kidding). If looks could kill. I probably would have been dead the last three times I re-enlisted.

I make it a point to try not to judge anyone or try to change their beliefs. Does the writer think that not one "Christian" has ever tried to convert me or change my beliefs? There have been too many to count. I know that they think they are doing "God's work" or doing me a favor, but I can do without it. The letter makes me think of paraphrasing the popular "WWJD" question. I would like to present this as "What Would [Thomas] Jefferson Do?" I'm sure that one of our nation's Founding Fathers would have an interesting opinion on this subject. I also got the feeling after reading the

letter that the writer somehow feels persecuted by the actions that he is describing. At least he isn't being burned at a stake or anything like that. In closing, I would like to address the

writer's last paragraph. I'll take my chance es when the time comes. Until then, I'll keep sending my monthly Combined Federal Campaign contribution to the American Civil Liberties Union. Sgt. 1st Class David L. Snyder

Giebelstadt, Germany

Expect to go to war in military

I am sick and tired of all the whining. Believe me, I know whining, because I am the mother of four children all under age 7.

But, it's not their whining that I am talking about. It is the whining of the people who only signed up for the military to get a free education, and the deserters who claim they are suddenly opposed to war. As for the free-riders, what did they think they were committing to? A few years of dress-up?

And for those suddenly opposed, why did they join in the first place? What exact ly are they opposed to? Freeing the Iraqis of a tyrant or just fighting terrorism in general? In the July 17 letter "Greater sensitivity today," the writer said "our own leaders can't fathom the idea of talking, negotiating, or problem-solving." He's apparently forgotten the last 12 years and more, of talking, negotiating, and problem-solving that had the effect of numerous attacks against the United States, escalating to the devastation of Sept. 11.

I thought we discovered on that day that we can't live in a bubble, but must act to preserve our freedom and our way of life. These whiners make a mockery of the noble sacrifice that my husband and thousands of other men and women make willingly every day.

My advice? Shut up, stand up and fight. Or at the very least, cheer for those who

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OPINION

U.S. must put Iraq's small arms in its sights

BY RACHEL STOHL

hen the United States turned over sovereignty to the new gov ernment of Iraq last month, it did so without confronting one of the most pressing problems facing the country: the millions of small arms and light weapons plaguing Iraq's security and threatening its stability. Excluding small arms from the long-term security plan is a deadly mistake

Since the declared end of major combat operations in May 2003, an average of one American has died every day in Iraq, and more than one-third of these soldiers have been killed by small arms - revolvers, ri fles, pistols and the like. Thousands more have been injured and some have been un able to complete their duties because of the level of violence and insecurity fueled by small arms. Moreover, uncounted Iraqi civilians have been killed, wounded, threatened

or terrorized by small arms.
While U.S. policy-makers were consumed with finding weapons of mass destruction, mission planners largely ignored the threat of conventional weapons. Reports estimate that Iraq has perhaps the fourth-largest sup ply of conventional arms in the world. An embedded reporter in Iraq said military sources told him this included "3 million tons of bombs and bullets, millions of AK-47s and other rifles, rocket launchers and mortar tubes, and thousands of more sophisticated arms like ground-to-air mis-siles." The 2004 edition of the Small Arms Survey estimates that at least 7 million to 8 million small arms have fallen into the hands of Iraqi civilians since the fall of Saddam Hussein last vear.

ing with small arms and light weapons in Iraq is the 2003 U.S. policy that allows Iraqi males to keep one weapon. Most have cho-sen to keep an AK-47 for their personal security, but these arms often find their way out of homes and make their way to the black market or are used for crime and violence

To address these myriad problems, the United States in mid-May undertook an eight-day gun buyback program in Iraq offering amnesty and cash in return for w ons — for instance \$125 for an AK-47 It distributed about \$350,000 a day to individuals turning in weapons, from ammunition to surface-to-air missiles.

The effectiveness of this type of program, however, is questionable. First, Iraqis are not being required to turn in all their weapons. Second, many are buying weapons on the black market and turning them in to the Americans for a profit. There are even credible reports of Iraqis turning in older weapons in order to buy newer models on the street. And in some places, such as Karbala, U.S. troops ran out of money

The buyback was a symbolic victory, for some weapons were removed from circulation. But it was an ad hoc and short-term program: it did little to increase overall safety and security, nor did it stymie the black market. Moreover, providing the equivalent of a month's salary or in some cases a year's wages to someone who has illegally possessed weaponry no doubt fueled resentment and jealousy and created targets for

Iragis would benefit more from community-based weapon-collection programs and



symbolic destruction celebrations. Rather than an individual receiving cash for each weapon turned in, neighborhoods could receive services that benefit the entire group — iob training or the building of a post office or soccer field. With good incentives, such programs have worked in other nations. In all cases, the United States must destroy weapons quickly, preferably in a public demonstration, and securely stockpile those that have yet to be destroyed

On June 22, Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told the House Armed Services Committee that the United States should "expect more violence, not less, in the immediate weeks ahead. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told the same committee that the U.S. had "underestimated" the threat from insurgents in Iraq, and that the U.S. military could keep "a significant number" of U.S. troops in Iraq for "years to come." Developing a coherent, long-term strategy for small arms is not only prudent, it is lifesaving. Rachel Stohl is senior analyst at the Cente for Defense Information in Washington. Th column first appeared in the Los Angeles 1

Many GIs are in nations that can defend themselves

BY RAJAN MENON

t a congressional hearing July 7 the Army's new vice chief of staff, Gen. Richard A. Cody, answered the rhetorical question of U.S. military forces stretched too thin with a resounding "abso lutely '

It doesn't take the genius of Clausewitz to figure out what's obvious: With 135,000 troops assigned to the war in Iraq, 17,000 in Afghanistan, 37,500 in South Korea. 47,000 in Japan and 100,000 in Europe, saying that we are overstretched is putting it mildly. In all, there are 368,900 U.S. troops in 120 countries.

Some drastic steps have been taken or are being contemplated to cope with the

Nearly 40 percent of the available National Guard and Reserve forces have been tapped for missions in Afghanistan and So-called stop-loss policies have been im-

plemented to prevent soldiers from leaving units that have received orders to deploy The Pentagon has called up 5 600 soldiers from postactive-duty "retirement." And policy wonks have brought up reinstituting the draft - though, for political reasons, this effort is unlikely to gain footing.

All of our problems in Iraq cannot be blamed on insufficient forces - the reliance on 135,000 troops to wage a counterinsurgency in a country of 25 million people and an area larger than California. It doesn't help that as yet no Iraqi troops with the numerical strength and training to serve as true partners have emerged. As American casualties in Iraq mount, it will be harder to get people to enlist or re-enlist. And for those already engaged in combat, insufficient numbers make the inherent risks of war greater still.

Nor are we likely to see a diminished need for our military's involvement, although the pre-eminent problem of the current world will be not wars among the major nowers but rather unheavals within weaker states - ethnic conflicts, failed governments, humanitarian crises and terror-

So what is to be done? One obvious sten is to avoid military engagement under the rubric of "regime change" absent a clear and present danger. The toppling of the Taliban, which occurred after that odious regime refused to turn over the mastermind behind the 9/11 massacres, met the standard. But the Iraq war, it is evident by now, did not.

Another approach is to reassess the military commitments inherited from the Cold War. What precisely are 100,000 U.S. troops doing in Europe? Against whom is

Europe being defended? And why is the European Union, whose economy and population exceed that of the United States, inca pable of meeting its own defense needs now that the days of a war-torn weak Europe and the specter of German revanchism and Soviet aggression are long gone?

A similar question must be asked in Japan. Against what threat are 47,000 U.S. troops defending that country, which, with a \$3.5 trillion economy, spends barely 1 percent of its GNP on defense, compared with our 3.7 percent? The idea that a self-sufficient Japan would return to the imperialism of the 1930s simply won't wash anymore.

South Korea, too, can wean itself from its current reliance on the United States. True, it faces a real danger from a militarized, dictatorial and mercurial North Korea. But it is also one of the world's foremost economic powers, a technological leader and an industrial giant. It has the wealth to purchase or to manufacture all of the weaponry needed for its defense. The point of such rethinking should not be to revert to isolationism or even to shuf-

fle military units around. Rather, it should be part of an effort to cut ourselves loose from Cold War conceptions, to take stock of the world we live in now and to make clearheaded choices about where the new dangers lie and how we can best face them. It's also time that we review what we can afford to do for others, and what they should rightly be encouraged to do for themselves. If we avoid such a recalculation, we will perpetuate outdated strate-

gies, continue to overextend our military and persist in the strategic infantilization tions at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Diamond heist

MIAMI — Ten masked gummen beat and robbed two Israeli salesmen of more than \$800,000 in diamonds during a well-organized daytime robbery at a Miami gas station, police said.

The salesmen had finished pumping gas into their car Thursday morning when their exit was blocked by a Ford Mustang, a pickup and a van. Ten men climbed out of the vehicles holding weapons and wearing masks and surrounded the salesmen's car.

The gunmen took several items, including the cache of diamonds, before escaping.

Miami police said.

The New York-based salesmen, identified as Efrain Sade, 39, and Shai Barbi, 30, were traveling around Florida delivering diamonds to businesses

Official pleads innocent

HI HONOLULU — A city wastewater official has pleaded innocent to theft and bribery charges for allegedly ordering city workers to do work at a private residence on city time and using city resources.

Harry Hauck III and Jay Gonsalves were indicted for an incident between July and August 2001. Both are supervisors at the Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Hauck pleaded not guilty on

Thursday.

Several employees from the Kailua plant alleged they were on the dred to install or repair a water sprinkler system on two consecutive weekend at the Kailua home of Gonsalves' mother while on city overtime and using supplies from the city storeroom.

Machete attack charges

MA BOSTON — An East Boston man was ordered held on \$2,000 bail on Friday after pleading innocent at his arraignment to striking another man several times with a machete, severely cutting the victim's head.

Mario Cruz, 46, was arraigned on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault with a dangerous weapon and leaving the scene of an accident for his alleged role in Thursday night's incident.

Police responding to a report of

an assault in progress found the victim covered in blood with cuts to his head. He was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital.

The victim's name has not been released.

A witness told police that the suspect hit the victim several times in the head with a machete, then used a baseball bat to threaten two people trying to help the victim, according to the Suffolk district attorney's office.

Glitch means free drugs

MINNEAPOLIS — A health maintenance organization is still trying to calculate its losses after a computer programming glitch told pharmacists to give thousands of Minnesota retirees free generic prescriptions.

Retirees accepted the freebie for several days before a retired

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school librarian pointed out the error.

The problem started when Medica Health Plans gave a one-time offer to any of the 3,501 seniors enrolled in its Medicare-supplement insurance plan, Medica Prime Solution, who also had putchased a prescription drug rider. Starting July 1, Medica agreed to pay for those switching from 21 brandname drugs to generics.

But with the retirees, a computer programming error mistakenly assured pharmacists that all 28,261 enrollees in Prime Solution qualified for the free generic drugs.

Not really obscene

CLEBURNE — An obscenity charge has been dropped against a woman who received nationwide attention when she was arrested for selling two sex toys to undercover police officers posing as a couple.

A judge dismissed the case

A judge dismissed the case against Joanne Webb, Johnson County Attorney Bill Moore said Friday in a statement. He said he asked the judge for the dismissal to prevent wasting county resources, but didn't say when the dismissal occurred.

Webb, a former fifth-grade teacher, started selling erotic toys and other adult products last year. The Passion Parties Inc. consult-

The Passion Parties Inc. consultant hosts what she calls Tupperware-type parties for suburban



More the terrier
Robert Skipworth of El Paso,
Texas, walks the family dogs, from
left, Mollie, Gordon, Mazzie, Maggie and Chelsea. Skipworth says he
walks the bunch every Sunday
morning. The white dogs are West
Hishland terriers and the black

ones are Scottish terriers.

housewives who feel more comfortable buying marital aids in a private home than at an adult bookstore or on the Internet.

Webb was arrested Nov.

13, about a month after the
undercover officers approached her at her husband's business in Burleson,
about 10 miles south of Fort
Worth, and bought two products. Had she been convicted
of violating Texas' obscenity law,
she could have been sentenced to a
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Clearly not an accident

TOWN OF WAUKESHA—
A prankster tightly wound plastic wrap around traffic poles across a two-lane road, causing a motorcycle accident that injured two people.

Daniel Buckel and his girlfriend, Theresa Brzykcy, were riding south of Waukesha on Tuesday when their motorcycle crashed into the plastic wrap set up about 3 feet to 4 feet above the road — wound thickly from traffic poles on opposite sides.

Buckel, 22, was within 10 feet when he saw the makeshift barricade and hit the brakes. Buckel, was cut above his eye

and broke his finger. Brzykcy also suffered scrapes and bruises. Buckel is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a

Felonious flowers

conviction

CLIFTON — Police said they uncovered a ring of heroin smugglers who saturated cardboard flower boxes with \$1 million worth of a liquid form of the drug.

After flying the rose-packed boxes into Kennedy International Airport, the smuggler would have extracted the heroin from the cardboard and sold it, authorities said.

"How suspicious are you going to be of boxed flowers?" police Detective Sgt. Patrick Ciser said Thursday.

Two New Jersey men from Colombia, Juan Cortez Arias and John Rivera, were arrested Tuesday and charged with drug offenses. They were being held without bail. Federal authorities were still investigating.

The flowers were shipped from Ecuador; the heroin may have come from Colombia, said Capt. Robert Rowan.

Kindness not repaid

CA CONCORD — Justo Ramirez had a soft spot for the needy.

According to friends, the former San Francisco garbage man was particularly generous with a drifter he allowed to live at his apartment complex and eat at his small taqueria across the street in exchange for doing odd jobs.

But police said that Ramirez, 53, was stabbed to death by the man he had helped, 38-year-old Aurelio Diaz, after refusing to give him a small amount of money.

Ramirez died on the floor of his newly opened restaurant, Don Justo, as his girlfriend screamed for help. Diaz fled but was soon arrested, police said.

Friends said the dispute was over \$25.



Dragon flies Paul English Azul's dragon balloon sails over Angel Fire, N.M., on Saturday during the Wings Over Angel Fire Balloon and Air Show.

Divine protection

A lightning bolt dances across the sky over West Normandy Baptist
Church in Jacksonville, Fla., on Friday. The church was not struck by the bolt as a storm moved through the area.



They call me Baby Driver Cameron Smith, 10, drives his remote control H2 Hummer past classic cars at the Fort Bragg Custom Car and Motorcycle show at Smith Lake on Saturday in Fayetteville, N.C.



Future Olympian Patsy Elder, 2, swims in the 3-and-under girls heat of the 25-yard freestyle race at a meet at Mountain Brook Swim and Tennis in Irondale, Ala. Patsy swims competitively for the Mountain Brook Swim and Tennis swim team, which is coached by her father, Cal Elder. Patsy swam the 25-yard freestyle in 1:31.60 to take third place in her heat.



A two-story Victorian house in Hartford, Conn., was moved Sunday to make way for a new parking lot for insurance giant Aetna. The company helped defray the \$50,000 moving cost and donated the house to a group that promotes home ownership in the city. The house will be restored and sold as a single-family home.



An unidentified couple lunches at the Millbrook Vineyard & Winery in Millbrook, N.Y. The winery attracts 15,000 to 20,000 tourists a year.

What a load of bull

NE MADISON — Are Nebraskans ready for bull fries? Jackie Williams, of Valentine, is the proprietor of the portable Pota-

the proprietor of the portable Potato Hut at this year's Madison County Fair and Rodeo. She says even when people find out what the fries really are — bulls' testicles — nine out of 10 fair-goers still want to do a taste test.

True bull-fry lovers can go for a whopping half-pound, 10-piece serving of bull fries included on the menu of the Potato Hut, which Williams co-owns and runs with her husband, Dustin.

And there's more than just novelty to the fries, according to Williams.

"Bull fries are all beef and one of the leanest meats on the market," Williams said. "They're 100 percent cholesterol-free."

Sheepish about selling

CHAMPAIGN — It's a little smelly after 89 years of housing sheep, but for anyone intrigued by turning old barns into stylish homes, the University of Illinois has a one-of-a-kind offer.

The school is moving its South Farms agricultural facilities, but it won't be taking along the 1915 sheep barn with its unique gambrel roof

Rather than demolish it, the university and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency are offering to donate the barn to someone willing to move and rebuild it.

The 90-foot-by-35-foot barn has housed only sheep since 1915, so it stinks a little, admitted Kevin Duff, a UI planner. But it is in good structural shape, and the gambrel roof makes the building an architectural wonder.

The university is taking proposals until Aug. 11 from anyone willing to take the barn down by mid-September and move it to another location. Duff said.

Don't blame the cooks

NC LEXINGTON — Barbecue apparently is not to blame for the polluted air in Davidson County.

Local officials complained after the county was found not to be meeting federal standards for fine particle pollution, saying the location of a monitoring device near a barbecue restaurant and railroad crossing could be to blame.

The state added two air quality monitoring devices in other locations. Tim Mather, spokesman for the Division of Air Quality, said Friday that initial readings show even air that is far away from barbecue

joints is too dirty.

Mather said particulate matter
in the air could be from a large railroad switchyard in a neighboring

in the air count of from a large rainroad switchyard in a neighboring county and large power plants in surrounding counties. He also said the area could be getting pollution from Charlotte on prevailing southwest winds.

Cremation mystery

BRATTLEBORO — Thirty years after Ray Smith's remains were cremated in Massachusetts, his ashes have shown up at a local cemetery.

"We're just trying to find out where Ray's been for the past 30 years," said Brattleboro Police Capt. Steven Rowell. when officials unlocked the cemetery gate. They were in a cardboard box; inside was a death certificate for Smith, who was born in Dover and whose family had a plot at the cemetery.

Smith died in 1974 at the age of 66. Following his death, a service for Smith was held at the now-defunct Allen Funeral Home in Malden, Mass, said Rowell. Smith's body was then taken to the Woodlawn Crematorium in Everett, Mass. His remains were later picked up by an unidentified party.

Investigators don't know where Smith's remains went after his cremation, Rowell said.

Wrong blood type used

SARASOTA — A patient died after receiving the wrong blood type during a transfusion, but hospital officials said it has not been determined whether the mistake killed her.

"It was a medical error, but we don't know if it was the cause of death," said Dr. Duncan Finlay, chief executive of Sarasota Memorial Hospital. He blamed the mistake on a mislabeled blood sample.

The woman died late last month, about a day after the transfusion, but the hospital has not released her name, age or her condition.

Hospital spokesman Mike Vizvary said an internal investigation was continuing, but administrators have not taken action against anyone involved. The state also will investigate.

Ticket scam uncovered

NEW YORK — A federal airport screener has been charged with stealing more than \$55,000 in a ticketing scheme by charging passengers adult fares but reporting them as lower infant prices and pocketing the difference, prosecutors said.

Laura Chico-Moreira. 37. of

Ozone Park, Queens, allegedly operated the scheme while working as an independent travel agent for XLJE Tours. Chico-Moreira is also an agent for the Transportation Security Administration.

She was charged with grand larceny and falsifying the business records of Grupo Taca Airlines, a Miami-based airline that serves South and Central America, between December 2002 and June 2003, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said Thursday.

Brown said Chico-Moreira sold dozens of full-fare adult tickets to her customers but reported to the airline that the tickets had been booked for infants.

Pit bull kills infant

NACOGDOCHES — An 8-month-old boy was attacked and killed Thursday by his grandmother's pit bull, police said. Jordan Lee Parker died of mas-

Jordan Lee Parker died of massive head injuries at the family's home, said Nacogdoches County Sheriff Thomas Kerss.

The pit bull, which had no history of aggressive behavior, had been tussling with another pet, a smaller terrier, when it attacked the boy, Kerss said.

He said the boy's grandmother was trying to separate the animals when the dog grabbed the child by the head. Kerss said the dog freed the child within seconds, but Jordan was dead by the time authorities arrived.

Photos and stories from wire services

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J Horoscope

The sun enters Leo, the sign of drama, passion, generosity and childlike bravado. You'll feel the fire-sign energy swell there's so much to do in Joyce Jillson only a few hours, but somehow, the impossible seems

possible. Go with the bright. almost overzealous impulse to please. Everyone is trying to impress, so the extra effort will be endearing

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 22). You're pushing yourself to do more than ever this year, and as a result, you will finally feel that you're ahead of the game. Place a high price on your services now, or ask for a raise you'll be paid what you request. Seize the opportunity to travel in September, and you'll probably need a passport! Singles find love at reunions or through old friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You won't get through all of things you wanted to do today, but there's no need to punish yourself or get dramatic. The truth is that you consistently set your goals higher than you know you can achieve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're perpetually striving to make your work more effective and relevant. Your style of accomplishing this is different from that of those just above you. Meld with the current flow. Casual interviews help you see the whole picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're focused on and affected by your surroundings. It seems you can't always choose them (or can you?), but you can choose how you deal with them. A gentle but firm approach prevents you from overobli-

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be feeling sentimental but are better off cutting attachments to the past. You can move forward easily if you decide to embrace what's new. The more ambitious a project, the

gating your time.

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more likely you are to accomplish it. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Feeling creatively blocked? There are ways around it. Try to see your work as a rational, purposeful activity that you

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IT IN NASHVILLE?

control instead of some invisible influence that magically moves through you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Planets are challenging your ability to remain secure in the face of

temptation. You may struggle with your own compulsive behaviors, but in this

struggle, you are perfecting your habits. With consistent effort, you will prevail

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). You've got uncommon talents, so encourage them. You'll know you're making progress when people of a certain community seek

your opinions and insights - and it feels wonderful to be accepted by the group.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't be shy - get into the center of things! The closer you are to the meat of the matter, the more you'll understand the truth of what's going on, and the more effective you'll be. Friends want to rise to your stan-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The lines that define different kinds of love get blurry. You might find yourself asking why you've set up so many restrictions in relationships. Maybe it suddenly seems just fine to be friends with your ex-love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be amazed how many people really believe in your ability - but it's not amazing at all. Work on fortifying your own belief in what you do. Meanwhile, the world seems to expect you to create on demand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Competition is a tremendous motivator. But treats and fun can also be effective motivators! Socialize, and make contacts that can help your financial future. Attendance at a social function begins a popularity

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Optimism is in short supply, so if you've got it, share it with everyone around! Luck comes when you reach out to people who are very different from you. Happiness is learning about someone else's culture and trying things their way

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Stepchildren must be accepted

Dear Abby: "Unwilling Stepmother in New Mexico" told you she "can't stand" her fiance's 3-year-old daughter and knows she will be forced to care for the child because the mother doesn't

want her 'Unwilling" should do all three of them a huge favor and end the relationship. I married a man two years ago, when my sons were 19 and 21. He had no children of his own and assured me he would accept mine unconditionally

Now I am constantly berated for not "putting him first" or consulting him each and every time I want to spend time with my sons or help them I'm heartsick that I didn't see this before I married him.

If "Unwilling" has any doubts, she should not go through with the marriage. I am seriously contemplating divorce because I see no other option.

- Fooled in Texas

ing" that unless she can accept her fiance and his daughter as a package deal and learn to love the little girl, that marriage would be a disservice to all of them. Thank you for adding the voice of experience. Read on:

Dear Abby Dear Abby: "Unwill-

ing Stepmother" seems to be more like a child than an adult. When she became serious with her fiance, how could she not realize that his little girl would he a big part of her life "Unwilling" needs serious family counseling, or to get out of

there. She also seems to have no clue about child development. Most 3-year-olds have a very self-centered view of life. They must be lovingly taught to become giving

as they grow. I married a man with two children eight years ago. As part of our marriage vows, I promised

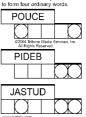
to love his children as my own. It wasn't easy, but today I am reaping the rewards of having two wonderful stepchildren and one biological child. I became very ill after the baby was born, and who do you think was always there to help? Yes - both of my stepchildren. I love them as my own and could not imagine life without

- Disgusted in California Dear Disgusted: You have made some excellent points in your letter. However, for family counseling to work, all parties have to be honest with each

other and willing to compromise. "Unwilling" would be the little one's primary caregiver her mind seemed pretty well made un. Her auestion was whether she should level with her fiance about her feelings and tell him she's leaving — or wait for him to figure out how she felt and give her her walking papers. Letters for this column - with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write

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Yesterday's **Family Circus**



"I saw it on TV once, but it looked littler."

Staying with ex-in-laws can be avoided

Dear Annie: 1 am having a conflict with my ex-husband's parents My children and I plan to take a vacation near their home, and Grandma and Grandna want us to stay with them. I am not comfortable with this, as they continue to support their son in his choice of an unhealthy lifestyle (alcohol and drugs), which is damaging and

unsafe for our children to be I know they want to see their

grandchildren, but I want my kids to be protected from their unhealthy influence. What should I do?

Confused in California

Dear Confused: You do not have to stay with the ex-in-laws in order for the children to see their grandparents, under your supervision, for a short time. Simply thank them for their generous offer, tell them you already have reservations elsewhere (make sure you do), and ask when it would be convenient to visit

Annie's Mailbox Dear Annie: I read the letter from

"Against Guns in Lawrence, Kan.," who is concerned about her child being invited to the homes of playmates whose parents own guns. I agree that parents have the duty to set limits for their children. The problem

is, how do you know if the parents have guns? Please tell "Lawrence" to teach her children what to do if they encounter a gun. Encourage her to enroll her children in the NRA's Eddie Eagle program, which teaches children who see

- a gun ■ Don't touch it.
- Leave the area Go tell an adult

These rules work. I know. because besides being a father of a 7-year-old. I also am a police officer with 17 years' experience.

- S.M., Police Officer, North

Dear Officer: Several readers recommended a gun safety program, and we cannot argue with the logic of teaching children how to protect themselves. Nonethe less, parents should know all they can about their children's play environment. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: I am writing to thank you for your thoughtful response to "Against Guns in Lawrence, Kan." I applaud her for being aware that her son's playmate's family has a gun. So many of us, unfortunately, don't ask. We don't think to do so or aren't comfortable bringing up the topic. But more than 40 percent of American homes with children also contain guns. In 25 percent of these homes, guns are kent loaded and unlocked. Ask-

- Shikha Hamilton, National Spokesmom, Million Mom March Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate Ampeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate

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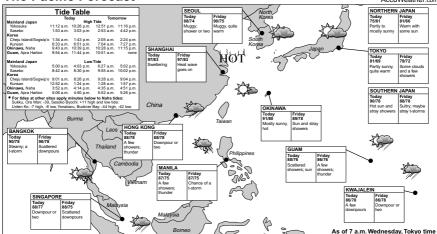


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Extended Forecasts

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 84, low 76. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 75.

KADENA

Saturday: Showers, high 89, low 78. Sunday: Partly sunny high 91, low 80.

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Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 73. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 74.

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Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/I OW	CITY	HIGH/I OW
Albuquerque	93/68	Los Angeles	89/66
Amarillo	96/67	Little Rock	93/71
Anchorage	72/56	Louisville	90/72
Asheville	84/60	Miami	90/75
Baltimore	88/66	Milwaukee	82/69
Birmingham	91/70	Nashville	91/70
Bismarck	95/66	New York	86/72
Boise	90/62	Omaha	96/75
Boston	84/68	Orlando	86/74
Brownsville	98/77	Philadelphia	87/70
Buffalo	79/64	Phoenix	110/89
Burlington	84/62	Pittsburgh	83/64
Charleston, St		Portland, OR	80/60
Charlotte	91/66	Portland, ME	78/60
Cleveland	85/66	Salt Lake City	93/69
Columbus, OF	88/68	St. Louis	93/76
Duluth	77/62	San Antonio	98/74
El Paso	97/74	San Diego	79/68
Hartford	87/65	San Juan	89/77
Helena	83/56	Tampa	87/76
Indianapolis	87/70	Tulsa	98/77
Jacksonville	93/71	Washington	89/71
Kansas City	97/76	Wichita	102/75



U.S. Extended Forecast

A cold front extending southwestward from a storm in southeastern Canada will lead to showers and thunderstorms through the Northeast into the southern Great Lakes, central Plains and central Rockies Thursday. To the south of this front, it will be very warm with varied amounts of sun. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop again over the southern Rockies while the rest of the West remains dry under sun Thursday. Friday into Saturday, a stronger cold front moving southward will enter the Plains Thursday night and continue into the Northeast and Ohio Valley by Saturday. This will mark a chilly change for the region for a few days.

Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY I	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/78	lwakuni	93/76	Sasebo NB	89/77	Acapulco	90/75	Budapest	93/67	Kabul	88/56	Nairobi	76/51
Beijing	91/77	Kadena AB	91/80	Sapporo	75/61	Athens	90/72	Buenos Aires	63/55	Kiev	81/62	New Delhi	101/87
Camp Casey	87/75	Kunsan AB	87/77	Seoul	88/74	Auckland	53/41	Cairo	100/69	Kuwait	114/81	Oslo	59/46
Christchurch	41/27	Kwajalein	86/78	Shanghai	97/83	Baghdad	115/84	Cancun	86/74	London	73/58	Paris	78/58
Diego Garcia	83/76	Manila	87/75	Singapore	88/77	Barbados	89/73	Cape Town	59/35	Madrid	99/75	Rio de Janeiro	65/54
Hagatna	88/76	Misawa AB	78/62	Sydney	59/43	Barcelona	83/72	Geneva	85/69	Mexico City	73/54	Rome	90/71
Hanoi	82/74	Osan	88/76	Taegu	92/76	Berlin	78/63	Istanbul	81/64	Montreal	81/68	St. Petersburg	77/56
Hong Kong	88/78	Perth	64/45	Taipei	91/75	Bermuda	87/75	Jerusalem	88/64	Mogadishu	83/71	Stockholm	70/53
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	85/75	Tokyo	81/69	Brussels	80/57	Johannesbur	72/45	Moscow	74/57	Warsaw	82/62



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Peak: Armstrong's stage win might have locked up Tour

Armstrong earned bonus seconds for winning the stage, extending his lead on second-place Basso to 1 minute, 25 seconds. If he can hold that advantage for two more days in the Alps and in a time trial on Saturday, Armstrong will pedal into the history books when the three-week cycling marathon ends on the crowd-packed Champs-Elysees in Paris on Sunday.

Armstrong said his team manager, Johan Bruyneel, was yelling into his radio-linked earpiece that he had to beat Basso.

"Johan was screaming in my ear that I had to win because of time bonuses," Armstrong

said. "Every second counts." Kloden is third overall, 3:22 off Armstrong's pace. Voeckler dropped to eighth, 9:28 behind

Armstrong. As overall leader, Armstrong will get the privilege of starting

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Actor Robin Williams, right, jokes with Armstrong during his visit to the

Starting last is the equivalent of pole position, allowing Armstrong to see how other riders notably Basso - fare on the as-

"There was still a part of me

mountain like L'Alpe d'Huez in the yellow jersey," Armstrong said, who added that he expects Basso will be "tough to beat" on the ascent. But "I have the good fortune of starting behind him, so I'll know his time splits all the way up, which is a big advantage," Armstrong said.

Fans have been camping out for days along the Alpine climb. The town, which usually has a population of 1,500 people, is exnecting up to 1 million to converge on the mountain for the cycling spectacle.

More star power

A million people bunched to-gether? That's more like Woodstock than a cycle race.

"Oh God! It's Bikestock" actor Robin Williams said, comparing it to the legendary Woodstock rock concert of 1969 - which attracted hundreds of thousands of music fans.

Williams, star of "Good Will

Hunting," "Good Morning Viet-nam" and other movies, joins rock star Sheryl Crow, and Prince Albert of Monaco as the latest celebrity guest invited by Lance Armstrong during the three-week race.

Speaking after Armstrong won Tuesday's 15th stage, Williams could not hide his excitement about L'Alpe d'Huez.

"An uphill time trial, the crowds are wild," he said. Asked if he'd like to ride the stage him-self. Williams added: "I'd love to ... if I could find a bike.

91st TOUR DE FRANCE

Racing the clock

Bourg-d'Oisans to L'Alpe d'Huez mountain stage is a short individual time trial with a grade of 7.9 percent.

Stage 16 Wednesday, July 21



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SOURCE: Tour de France

Stage winners

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July 23 — Stage 18, Annemasse to
Lons-le-Saunier, 103.46
July 24 — Stage 19, Besancon to Besancon, individual time trial, 34.18
July 25 — Stage 20, Montereau to
Paris, Champs-Elysees, 101.29

team bus prior to the 15th stage of the Tour de France on Tuesday.

last for Wednesday's time trial. For the first time, the race against the clock is on the brutal ascent to the L'Alpe d'Huez ski station, a Mecca of cycling with 21 rhythm-destroying hairpin

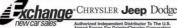
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Major League Soccer

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Monday's transactions BASEBALL

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Designated SS Rey Ordonez for assignment

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CINCINNATI REDS—Signed RHP Homer
Bailey and assigned him to Sarasota of the
Gulf Coast Legue. Placed 38 Brandon Larson on the 15-day DL retroactive to July 18.

COLORADO POCKES—Called up RHP
Travis Driskill from Colorado Springs of the
PCL. Placed RHP Denny Stark on the 15-day
DL Designated RHP Turk Wendell for assign-

ment.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Recalled OF Ron Calloway from Edmonton of the PCL.

NEW YORK METS—Placed RHP Jose Parra on the 15-day DL. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Signed C. Jason

aramillo. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Acquired SS Rich Au-ilia from Seattle for a player to be named or BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Signed F-C Chris Andersen.

UTAH JAZZ—Re-signed F Gordan Giricek to
a four-year contract

Tour-year contract.

American Basketball Association

ABA—Granted an expansion franchise to
Mamil for the 2005-05 season.
MIAMI—Announced team nickname will
be Sunblazzers. Named Alvin Mallard chief
xecutive office.

Women's National Basketball Association

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PHOENIX MERCURY—Acquired F Gwen Jackson from San Antonio for F Adrian Will-

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ALBION—Named Sara Koski assistant trainer and Paul Schudel offensive line coach.

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BENTLEY-Named Pat Durgin men's assistant basketball coach.

DETROIT-Announced its baseball program will be discontinued.

DUKE-Promoted Mike Cragg to associate director of athletics. Luci Hill to business manager and David Almodova to assistant director of promotions. Named Bart Smith director of promotions.

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FRANCIS MARION—Announced the resigna-ion of Jack Byerley, women's softball oach.

HOBART—Named T.W. Johnson men's assistant lacrosse coach.

ILLINOIS—Named Derek Neal assistant sports information director and Andrew Zywicki assistant ticket manager for customer

JAMES MADISON—Named J.C. Price assis-ant football coach. KENT STATE—Named Scott Stricklin base-

all coach.
KEYSTONE—Announced the resignation of
Monica Thomas, women's basketball coach.
LANDER—Named Stephanie Butler women's assistant basketball coach.
MISSISSIPPI—Suspended sophomore RB
annal Pittman and Senior LB Ken Bournes in-

definitely.

NICHOLLS STATE—Announced the resigna-tion of Phyllis Guedry, softball coach.

Named Jenny Parsons interim softball oacn.

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN—Named Michelle
eSantis women's volleyball coach.

OLD DOMINION—Named Jerry Meyers

aseball coach.

PALM REACH ATLANTIC—Named Ren owin athletic trainer. ROBERT MORRIS—Named Ken Baker assis-ant sports information director. SIENA—Named Brian Brecht men's la-

STETSON—Named Garrett Quinn assistant baseball coach and Cheryl Carlson women's

baseoaii coach and chery Larnson women's volleyball coach.

VILLANOVA-Named Gordon Finch assistant athletics director for compliance, Brian Papson director of marketing and special events, Lisa Meillio coordinator of intramurals and recreation and Bill Lacey assistant football coach. Promoted Rob Hagan to associate athletics director

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Seattle Mariners' Bret Boone (29) is greeted at home after hitting a grand slam against the Boston Red Sox in the 11th inning in Seattle on Monday. The Mariners, who trailed 4-2 in the ninth inning, won 8-4.

Another Boone burns Red Sox

Aaron's brother Bret hits grand slam in 11th for Seattle

By JIM COUR

The Associated Press SEATTLE - The Boston Red

Sox had a chance to gain ground on the New York Vankees in the AL East. Instead, they were beaten by another Boone.

Bret Boone hit a grand slam in the 11th inning, lifting the Seattle Mariners to an 8-4 victory over the Red Sox on Monday night. Last season, his brother, Aaron Boone, homered in the 11th inning against Boston in Game 7 of the AL championship series to

put the Yankees in the World Se-The Mariners tied it with one out in the ninth behind consecutive home runs from Miguel Olivo

and Edgar Martinez. "It's the worst game we've played all year," the Red Sox's Johnny Damon said.

The Red Sox remained seven games behind the Yankees, 9-7 losers in Tampa Bay, in the AL

"This is a bad feeling," Damon said. "We shouldn't have been in this situation. We were just awful. There isn't much more you can

East.

say about it. Every game is important for us. We had a chance to pick up a game on the Yankees today and let it slip through our

Boone hit his fifth career grand slam on an 0-1 count from Curtis Leskanic (1-5), the fifth Boston pitcher, a 392-foot shot into the Seattle bullpen in left field. The Mariners loaded the bases on a single by Olivo and walks to Dave Hansen and Randy Winn.

Winn's walk was intentional.

Boone, hitting a paltry .233 when the day began, was 2-for-6 with six RBIs. His grand slam was the Mariners' first of the sea-

The last-place Mariners won their second straight game, but are 21 games under .500 and are 171/2 games out of first place in the AL West. They've divested themselves of veterans John Olerud and Rich Aurilia this month.

Boone didn't fault the Red Sox for walking Winn intentionally to try to get him to hit into a double

"With the struggles I've had this season, you can't blame them," he said. "It was a great

Mike Myers (4-1), the fifth Seattle pitcher, got the final out of the

The Red Sox were 44-0 in games in which they led after the

The Mariners sent the game into extra innings in the ninth when Olivo and Edgar Martinez homered off closer Keith Foulke with one out in the ninth. Foulke blew his fifth save in 19 opportunities and his fourth save in his last

six chances since June 12. Olivo's homer to left was his first in five games with the Mariners since being acquired in a trade with the Chicago White Sox for Freddy Garcia June 27. The pinch-hitting Martinez homered 395 feet to center.

Jason Varitek went 2-for-4 with four RBIs, including a tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth that put the Red Sox ahead 4-1.

Bronson Arroyo gave up one run and struck out a season-high 12 in eight innings for Boston.

Ron Villone pitched six strong innings, but the Red Sox came back against the Mariners' bull-

Sheffield. Contreras push Yanks past Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. Gary Sheffield hit his 397th homer and drove in three runs Tuesday, leading Jose Contreras and the New York Vankees to a 4-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Derek Jeter left the game in the eighth after getting hit on his right hand by a pitch from Victor Zambrano two innings earlier.

There were no immediate details about the injury. Contreras (8-3) allowed two

runs and four hits in seven innings to beat Zambrano Roundup (9-6) for the second time in

12 days again denying the Tampa Bay right-hander's bid to become the first nitcher to heat the Vankees four times in a season since California's Chuck Finley in 1996.

All-Star relievers Tom Gordon and Mariano Rivera finished, with Rivera getting three outs for his AL-leading 34th save in 35

chances Rivera has converted 22 save opportunities in a row, the longest streak in the majors this season. His 317th save moved him within one of Rick Aguilera for 10th place on the career list. Rivera is 32-for-32 lifetime against Tampa

Bay. Contreras walked two and struck out three to win his fourth straight decision since being reunited with his wife and children from Cuba last month. He beat Zambrano and the Devil Rays at Yankee Stadium on July 8, and Tuesday's victory gave New York a split of the two-game series.

Elsewhere in the AL Tuesday:

Orioles 12, Royals 3: Karim Garcia onened his second stint with Baltimore with two home runs and five RBIs, and the Orioles tied a club record with 11 extra-base hits in a victory at Kansas City.

Garcia, acquired Monday from the New York Mets for reliever Mike DeJean, was 0-for-16 in eight games for the Orioles in

The Orioles hit five home runs, a season high, and six doubles.

Miguel Tejada, Larry Bigbie and Robert Machado also homered, and Bigbie and Machado also had one double each

In Monday's AL games:

Devil Rays 9, Yankees 7: Aubrey Huff and Robert Fick drove in two runs each, and Tampa Bay hung on for a win at Tropicana Field after taking a five-run lead in the first.

Geoff Blum's RBI single off Tanyon Sturtze (3-2) snapped a 5-all tie in the sixth

Twins 3, Tigers 1: Pinch-hitter Jose Offerman's two-run single in the seventh led visiting Minnesota to its second win in eight

Terry Mulholland (2-3) gave up one run on four hits in 62/3 innings, improving to 2-0 in three starts since moving into the rotation earlier this month.

Mulholland joined the New York Mets' Al Leiter and the Yankees' Kevin Brown as the only pitchers to beat all 30 teams. Orioles 7, Royals 4: Sidney

Ponson (4-12) gave up two runs in six innings to end his nine-game losing streak.

Javy Lopez had three hits and two RBIs for the Orioles, and Miguel Tejada hit his 16th homer, a two-run shot.

Brian Anderson (1-9) lost his ninth straight start, a Royals' club record set by Jeff Suppan in 2002.

Athletics 5, Blue Jays 3: Josh Towers (4-3) gave up two runs in 71/3 innings, Vernon Wells homered in a four-run fourth and visiting Toronto snapped its sea-son-high, six-game losing streak. Jason Frasor allowed a leadoff homer in the ninth to Erubiel Durazo before finishing for his 10th

The Blue Jays batted around in the fourth inning when they scored four runs on six hits and chased Kirk Saarloos (1-1).

Indians 8, Angels 5 (10): Travis Hafner hit his second homer of the game - a three-run shot in the 10th inning - and drove in a career-high five runs to lead Cleveland at Angel Staduim.

David Eckstein's two-out error on a routine grounder by Matt Lawton set the stage for Hafner's game-winning homer off Trov Percival (2-2)

White Sox 12, Rangers 6: Carl Everett homered for visiting Chiago a day after he rejoined the White Sox in a trade.

Everett was the designated hitter and went 2-for-5 with a walk. Mark Teixeira homered in his fifth straight game to tie a Texas



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Braves back in a familiar position

Atlanta tops Philadelphia to take lead in NL East

BY PAUL NEWBERRY The Associated Press

ATLANTA - The Atlanta Braves have finally made it back to a familiar position.

Winners of 12 straight division titles, the Braves gained sole possession of first place in the NL East for the first time this season with a 4-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on

Monday night. Mike Hampton gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings, and Atlanta's defense made several spectacular plays, including shortstop Rafael Furcal's leaping catch of David Bell's liner to end the game. Bell slung away his bat in frustration, nearly hitting home plate umpire Tim Timmons.

The Braves won for the 16th time in 20 games, breaking a tie with the Phillies for the top spot.

'They smell blood every time they take the said Philadelphia manager Larry Bowa, his team falling out of the division lead for the first time since June 27, "They don't win by accident."

Despite their impressive pedigree, it's a little surprising to find the Braves in this position. After all, they went through a major salary purge during the offseason, losing Gary Sheffield, Greg Maddux and Vinny Castilla.

The Phillies and World Series champion



Atlanta's Marcus Giles (left) gets hold of Philadelphia shortstop Jimmy Rollins on Monday to try to prevent a double play. The Phillies fell out of first place for the first time since June 27.

Florida Marlins were supposed to be the new this division still goes through a familiar place

"The goal is to be in first when the whole season is completed," manager Bobby Cox

Adam LaRoche, Andruw Jones, Charles Thomas and Chipper Jones drove in runs for the Braves, while Hampton (5-8) won for the fourth time in five starts.

Hamnton has given up 19 runs in the first more than any other inning - but he quickly

settled down. The Phillies managed only one homer over the center-field fence leading off the seventh The Phillies threatened to get back in the

began with Chipper Jones fielding a tricky hop at third base

"I was real excited about it," Hampton said.
"It gave me a lot of confidence for Bobby

second two-inning save of the season. He struck out four and had to get the final out twice — Ricky Ledee struck out but reached on a passed ball, putting runners at first and

Bell hit a liner that appeared headed for left that ended the game.

"I thought it was a base hit," he said. Phillies starter Paul Abbott lasted only 42/3 innings and dropped to 0-4 since joining Phila-

'It is definitely frustrating," Abbott said.

Harris

Miguel Cabrera tied it with an

RBI single off closer Braden Looper (2-2), who gave up four

the eighth inning after hitting Jim

Reds 8, Brewers 4: Wily Mo

Pena hit his sixth homer in eight

games, and also had a run-scor-

Right-hander Aaron Harang (6-2) won his second straight

start against the visiting Brew

Padres 13, Rockies 6: Ismael Valdez pitched five-plus innings

and hit a two-run double, Mark Loretta had four hits and three

RBIs, and visiting San Diego set a

season high for runs and matched

Giants 6, Diamondbacks 1: In Phoenix, Brett Tomko (5-5) pitched into the eighth inning

and San Francisco won without Barry Bonds, who sat out after

having a root canal Monday.

its season high of 18 hits.

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Arizona's Gonzalez out for

PHOENIX - Arizona slugger Luis Gonzalez will have season-ending ligament replacement surgery in early August, but is ex-



throw.

season

pected to return to the Diamond hacks spring. The left field-

er will fail to drive in 100 runs in six consecutive seasons. He has played all vear with a partially torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow, feeling pain on every

The ligament connects bones in the upper and lower arm. Head trainer Paul Lessard said it was possible for position players to recover from the operation within four to six months, compared with 12 to 16 for pitchers.

Javs' Halladav shut down

OAKLAND, Calif. - Toronto Blue Jays right-hander Roy Halladay will miss four to six weeks because of a tired arm.

The American League Cy Young winner was examined Monday by Dr. James Andrews. Toronto General Manager J.P. Ricciardi said Monday there was no structural damage to Halladay's shoulder. He said Halladay (7-7, 4.35 ERA) would be re-evalu ated in two weeks

Twins' Mauer returns to DI

MINNEAPOLIS - Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday with a sore left knee, his second trip to the DL this season.

Mauer, eligible to be activated on July 31.missed seven weeks after tearing knee cartilage in the second game of the seaso

Padres acquire IF Aurilia

SEATTLE - The San Diego Padres added some infield depth, getting Rich Aurilia from the Seattle Mariners on Monday for a player to be named or cash.

Signed as a free agent in Januarv. Aurilia, 32, hit .241 with four home runs and 28 RBIs in his first year in the AL.

Reds put Larson on DL

CINCINNATI — Brandon Larson went on the 15-day disabled list with a strained hamstring on Monday, the third time that the Cincinnati Reds' third baseman has been hurt this season

Larson pulled his left hamstring while running on Saturday.

Astros demote Duckworth

HOUSTON - The Houston Astros sent right-handed pitcher Brandon Duckworth to Class AAA New Orleans on Tuesday on the heels of his latest ineffective start and summoned pitcher Chad Qualls to take his place.

Mets trade Garcia to O's

NEW YORK - Hoping to bolster their bullpen, the New York Mets traded outfielder Karim Garcia to the Baltimore Orioles for reliever Mike DeJean on Monday.

powers in the East, but it appears that first in

"We'll try to stay there."

Jimmy Rollins led off the game with a double and scored on Bobby Abreu's groundout.

hit the next five innings, a stretch of domination that ended with Jim Thome's monstrous

game when Jason Michaels walked and Bell followed with a single, putting runners at first and second with one out. But Mike Liebertha hit into an inning-ending double play, which

On the mound, Hampton pumped his fist and let out a vell as he watched the ball go around the horn.

[Cox] to stay with me in that position.

John Smoltz went the rest of the way for his third in the ninth

field, but Furcal stretched out to make a leapkneeled on the mound and pumped his fist, savoring his 18th save in 20 chances.

delphia. He started the season with Tampa Bay, going 2-5 before his release on June 3.

"How can it not be?

Pujols' three HRs lifts Cards over Cubs

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Albert Pujols hit his third homer of the game in the ninth inning, a tiebreaking shot that sent the St



Louis Cardinals to an 11-8 comeback victory over Chicago on Tuesday. Puiols

5-for-5 with a double and five RBIs, helping St. Louis rally from a six-run deficit in the final meeting of the season between the rivals. The Cards left Wrigley Field with a 10-game lead over the third-place Cubs.

Pujols hit a two-run drive off

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Hawkins (2-2), and Reggie Sanders added a solo shot in the three-run ninth as St. Louis roared back after trailing 8-2 after five innings.

Jason Isringhausen got three outs for his 24th save in 28 chances, retiring Aramis Ramirez on a shallow fly with the bases loaded to end it

In Tuesday's other early NL game:

Reds 6, Brewers 2: Brandon Claussen gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings in his long-awaited NL debut, and Jason Romano's first homer lifted host Cincinnati to a two-game sweep

In Monday's NL games:

Dodgers trailing 6-5, Milton Bradand Shawn Green hit ley oack-to-back home runs off Dan Miceli (3-5) in the top of the eighth to lift Los Angeles to its seventh straight victory and 13th win in 14 games.

Sledge drove in two runs with a ground ball just past first base during a four-run seventh inning and Montreal halted Pittsburgh's 10-game home winning streak the Pirates' longest since winning

go-ahead single in the bottom of the ninth, spoiling Scott Erick-Dodgers 7, Astros 6: With the son's bid for his first major league victory in nearly two years.

straight hits in the ninth. Cardinals 5. Cubs 4: At Wrig-Expos 6, Pirates 2: Terrmel ley Field, Scott Rolen hit a tie breaking homer in the eighth inning off Carlos Zambrano. Zambrano (9-5) was ejected in

Edmonds with a pitch right after Rolen's two-run shot ond time Zambrano hit Edmonds 24 straight in 1978 Marlins 6, Mets 5: Pinch-hitter Chris Carnenter (10-4) got his victory of against the Cubs.



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George, Titans seem set to part company

Titans' career rushing leader asks for release after rejecting latest offer

BY TERESA M. WALKER NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Ten-

The Associated Press

nessee Titans are trying to figure out what to do with Eddie George. 'We want to take our time and make sure everyone involved understands the ramifications of this action," General Manager Floyd Reese said Tuesday in a

statement that was the team's first comment about the request by the team's career rushing leader to be released.

"I don't think taking a day or two of reflection for something of this magnitude is a bad thing.

The eight-year veteran asked Monday to be released after re-iecting the Titans' last offer to reduce his pay from \$4.25 million to approximately \$1.5 million for the 04 season. The team needs to clear cap room to sign 13 rookies.

"Basically, we're just talking about taking a straight pay cut. George told The Associated Press on Monday night. "I didn't see the win-win situation. If I'm helping the organization out, I thought they would help me out and have a win-win situation and I would basically make my money up in incentives.

Reese said hearing that request was difficult.

"We want to make sure that at the end of this scenario, we do what is best for both sides and hope to have a resolution in the near future," Reese said.

The four-time Pro Bowl selection wants a quick release because the first NFL training camp opens on July 27, and he needs to start seeking a job immediately.

"I hate to sever the ties here. My first and only option was to finish a Tennessee Titan under fair circumstances. Unfortunately, that's not how I perceive it at this point. I look to move forward in a new situation," George said.

Speculation over George's future with Tennessee began last season about whether the Titans. in deep salary cap trouble, could afford to keep a running back who has never missed a start in his career in an offense that now emphasizes the passing of Steve McNair, the NFL's co-MVP in 2003.

George is only the second NFL running back to rush for 10,000 yards while never missing a start, joining Jim Brown. Only Walter Payton (170) has started more consecutive regular-season games than George's 128.

Last December, George became the 17th running back to top 10,000 yards. He has 64 touchdowns for the franchise that drafted the 1995 Heisman Trophy winner out of Ohio State 14th overall in April 1996. His best season was in 2000, when he carried 403 times for 1,509 yards, but he has gone downhill from there, averaging less than 4 vards per carry each season.

Tennessee tried to clear salary

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ing George's deal, which has him under contract through 2006. He declined, and the team paid him a \$1 million roster bonus in March

George, who turns 31 in September, spoke of Tampa Bay, Philadelphia and Dallas as potential options and said he wants to join a team with a chance of winning a

Super Bowl.

now to see the new faces in the locker room, different city, different circumstances. All that being said, it's also exciting what the un-certainty does bring," he said.

If the Titans release George, it would leave them with second-vear rusher Chris Brown, veteran Robert Holcombe and rookies Troy Fleming, Vick King and Jarrett Payton at running back.



Champion Patriots sign first-round pick Wilfork

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots on Monday signed nose tackle Vince Wilfork, the 21st overall pick in the draft, to a six-vear contract that could be worth more than \$18 million. is the second first-round pick to sign. He will be guaranteed \$6.575 million

through 2006, including a \$3 million signing bonus and his salary for 2005-06 Wilfork, who is listed at 325 nounds, had seven sacks in 2002

and six in 2003 at Miami. He joins a team that allowed the fewest points in the NFL last season (238) and will contend for a starting snot in the defensive line vacated by the departure of veteran Ted Washington.

Jason Babin, who was taken by Houston with the 27th overall pick, is the only other first-round pick who has signed

Bills reach oral agreement with LB Gildon

BUFFALO, N.Y. - The Buffalo Bills have reached an oral agreement with linebacker Jason Gildon, who was let go by the Pittsburgh Steelers last month

The one-year deal is believed to be worth between \$1 million and \$1.5 million, and includes a signing bonus of \$500,000, according to The Buffalo News.

Gildon, a three-time



Bowler with 77 career sacks, is expected to be used as a pass rusher. He will be 32 on July 31

Tagliabue agrees to new deal

NEW YORK - Paul Tagliabue will remain as NFL commission-er through the end of the 2007 sea-

Tagliabue has officially agreed to the new deal announced last March, to extend his current contract that would have expired after next season, league officials said Monday.

Tagliabue will be 67 when the contract expires — he would have retired at 65 had he stuck to his current deal. The new one is expected to pay him around \$8 million a year, putting him on a level with NBA Commissioner David Stern as the highest paid chief ex-

ecutives in professional sports.

The deal has been approved unanimously by the NFL's 32

Chiefs sign second-round pick

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Tight end Kris Wilson, a second-round draft choice of the Kansas City Chiefs, has signed a four-year con tract with the team.

No contract terms were announced Monday.

Divac returns to Lakers with two-year deal

The Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. - Vlade Divac has come full circle to re-

join the Los Angeles Lakers. The Lakers called an afternoon NBA

briefs

news confer-ence Tuesday announce the signing of Divac. who played

past six seasons for the Sacramento Kings. The 36-year-old center will fill the spot left vacant when Shaquille O'Neal was traded to Miami last week. Brian Grant, acquired along with Lamar Odom and Caron Butler in that deal, will

share duties at center. The Lakers took Divac with the 26th pick in the 1989 NBA Draft and he spent seven years with Los Angeles before the Lakers traded him to Charlotte in 1996 for the draft rights to Kobe Bry-

Divac an unrestricted free agent, still has a home in Los Angeles. He has agreed to a two-year deal that reportedly will pay him \$4.9 million for next season.

Earlier, he said Sacramento did not show interest in keeping him. The Kings apparently wanted to avoid paving the luxury tax, and did not match the Lakers' offer.

The 7-foot-1 Divac averaged 9.9 points, 5.7 assists and 5.3 as-

sists for Sacramento last season. The revamped Lakers could have a starting lineup of Divac at center, Bryant and Gary Payton at guard, Odom at small forward and - if he decides to return for another year - Karl Malone at

76ers trade Snow to Cavs

PHILADELPHIA guard Eric Snow was traded by the 76ers to the Cleveland Cava liers on Tuesday for guards Kevin Ollie and Kedrick Brown. This will be Ollie's third stint with Philadelphia

Snow spent 61/2 seasons with the 76ers, averaging 9.7 points and 6.6 assists while helping them to the 2001 Eastern Confer-

ence championship. Philadelphia coach Jim O'Brien has said he wanted an up-tempo team. That didn't seem to fit Snow, who is a better fit in a half-court offense.

Kings sign center Ostertag SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Cen-

ter Greg Ostertag signed with the Sacramento Kings on Tuesday. leaving the Utah Jazz after nine

The terms of Ostertag's deal

weren't immediately available. Ostertag averaged 5.1 points 5.9 rebounds and 1.85 blocks during his career with the Jazz, who made him a first-round draft pick in 1995. He played in two NBA Finals with 11tah in 1997 and 1998

Giriceck re-signs with Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY - Gordan Giricek re-signed with the Utah Jazz on Monday, returning to the team that picked him up at the trading deadline last season.

A Jazz spokeswoman said she could not disclose details of the contract, widely reported to be worth \$16 million over four years

Giricek played in 25 games for the Jazz last season after coming over from Orlando in a deal for DeShawn Stevenson.

Rapper Nelly latest to join Bobcats ownership group

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rapper Nelly is a part-owner of the NBA's expansion Charlotte Bob

"This is a great opportunity for both the Bobcats and Nelly," Rob-ert L. Johnson, the team's majority owner and the founder of Black Entertainment Television, said Monday in a news release.

Nelly, whose real name is Cornell Haynes Jr., joins an owner-ship group that includes former NBA player and executive M.L. Carr; Felix Sabates, owner of NASCAR racing teams, and Hugh McColl Jr., former CEO of Bank of America

For embattled sport, Devers a breath of clean air

SACRAMENTO Calif - Her curly 3-inch fingernails painted gold and her pat ter as breathless as her pace on the track, Gail Devers is headed for her fifth Olym-

Once, in her early 20s, she was days away from having her feet amoutated because of a rare disease affecting her im-

Steve Wilstein



Now Devers is 37 tak ing her last shot at the one gold that has elud ed her in an event that has defined her career and, metaphorically, her life — the hurdles.

"I'm ecstatic. I feel blessed." Devers said as the U.S. Olympic track and field trials ended on a 110-degree Sunday that was a fitting preview of the searheat expected in Athens

"I've been there, done that before, but each time is like a new experience for me. I try to look at it as if it's my first time going to the Olympic Games.

Maybe this time she will clear those hurdles cleanly, run the perfect race she has pursued so long and missed heartbreaking ly on the biggest occasions. Three world championships in the 100-meter hurdles tell her she can do it, no matter the date on her birth certificate

"If you had asked me in 1988 how long I would be here, I would have told you I thought I was done in '88," she said. "The key to it for me, for all these years, is still having fun. The challenge for me has been coaching myself. You have to look for challenges to keep yourself motivated."

From Seoul to Barcelona to Atlanta, Sydney and now Athens, this devoutly reli-gious daughter of a Baptist preacher has been a burst of sunshine in a sport too often consumed by the darkness of doping She embraces the roles of ambassador of track and big sister to the budding young stars who surround her on the U.S. team

By chance, a doping case might give De-vers the opportunity to race again in the 100 sprint, which she won in 1992 and '96 She finished fourth in the trials behind Torri Edwards who faces a two-year ban if found guilty of using a banned stimulant.

Edwards took her case to an arbitration nanel Monday, but the odds of her winning are poor. She may very well have taken the stimulant inadvertently, as she says, as an additive in a glucose mixture her doctor gave her in Martinique in April. But the bottom line, as the World Anti-Doping Agency keeps telling athletes, is they are responsible for anything found in their

If Devers is the beneficiary of Edwards' blunder and chooses to run in the 100 she would have to compete five days in a row.

That could compromise her chances to win, finally, in the 100 hurdles.
"I've never made a hasty decision," Devers said. "I'm not going to start."

She said she will do what she always

does when she has to make a big decision:

pray.

If Devers passes on the 100, it would open up a spot in the race for Marion Jones, the defending Olympic champion who finished fifth in the trials. That would be one more twist in the never-ending doping stories of the Games, because Jones is under scrutiny by the U.S. Anti-Doping



Gail Devers will try to win Olympic gold in her signature event, the 110 hurdles, for the first time this summer in Athens.

Agency because of her links to the Ray Area Laboratory Co-Operative, accused dopester and boyfriend Tim Montgomery and former husband C.J. Hunter, who was banned for using a steroid

These are grim days in the sport. Fairness is a slippery commodity and athletes with integrity, like Devers, are too few. Track and field's governing body recom-

mended Sunday that the U.S. 1,600 relay team, led by Michael Johnson, be stripped of its gold medal from the Sydney Olym pics as part of Jerome Young's doping

The International Olympic Committee is expected to endorse the recommendation. USA Track & Field said it "regrets" the decision and will try to fight it.

The recommendation came 21/2 weeks after the Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled Young, the 400 world champion who ran in the relay's opening and semifinal rounds, should be stripped of his gold because of a positive test for the steroid nandrolone on June 26, 1999.

Young, who has denied taking a prohibited substance, was exonerated by a USATF doping appeals board on July 10, 2000.

If the whole U.S. 1,600 relay team is punished, the IOC ought to start looking deeper into Olympic history and correct more blatant injustices. Open up the whole rotten Pandora's box.

Go back to 1976 and give American swimmer Shirley Babashoff the golds she was denied when she finished behind East Germans numned up on steroids. Take a look at the East German marathoner who came out of nowhere to beat Frank Shorter Examine the medical records and interview the East German women with huloing muscles and husky voices who won golds in 1988

When the Berlin Wall fell, the East German sports secrets started leaking out. Manfred Hoppner, the deputy director of East Germany's sports medicine machine, revealed documents that detailed the country's cheating. In 2000, Lothar Kinke, the chief doctor of the East German Swimming Federation from 1975 to 1985, was convicted of causing bodily harm to 58 swimmers with various concoctions.

Does the IOC, so eager to come down hard on the U.S. team, have the guts to probe the seamy side of the Olympics over the past three decades?

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Two Mississippi football players suspended following arrest Samsonov has played in just 66

The Associated Pres-

JACKSON, Miss. - Running back Jamal Pittman and linebacker Ken Bournes have been suspended indefinitely from Mississippi's football team following a eekend arrest, Rebels coach David Cutcliffe said in a statement released Monday.

"We are gathering information surrounding the events regarding the arrest of Jamal Pittman and Ken Bournes in Memphis, Tenn., over the weekend." Cutcliffe said.

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At this time, they are suspended indefinitely from all football related activities. As we gather information and assess the situation. we will then make a further state ment'

The statement, which was sent to media outlets and posted on the school's Web site, did not say why the two were arrested.

A Web site for the Shelby County Jail in Memphis listed a Jamal Pittman from Columbia, Miss. being booked early Sunday morning on charges of "reckless endangerment-deadly weapon" and "re-sisting official detention." He was being held on a \$50,000 bond with a court date set for Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Pittman, a sophomore running back, played in five games last season, gaining 214 yards on 42 carries. He ran for a touchdown against Louisiana-Monroe

Bournes, a senior, was expected to start at linebacker after a strong performance in spring drills

Samsonov back with Bruins: Flames lock up Nilson

The Boston Bruins re-signed star wing Sergei Samsonov on Tuesday while the Calgary Flames agreed to terms with Marcus Nilson, locking up one of their key players from this spring's playoff run.

Samsonov agreed to a one-year, \$3.65 million offer.

games during the past two seasons because of right wrist surgery, a knee sprain and a rib injury. But he had 22 goals and 29 assists in that span.

Nilson had 11 goals and 13 assists in 83 games with Florida and Calgary last season. The defensive-minded forward finished fourth in playoff scoring for the Flames with 11 points in 26 games. The Flames acquired Nilson from the Panthers in March for a second-round draft choice.

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Lance Armstrong crosses the finish line ahead of Italian Ivan Basso, left, to win the 15th stage of the Tour de France between Valreas, southern France, and Villard-de-Lans, French Alps, on Tuesday. Armstrong is five stages from becoming the first to win the Tour six times.

Peak performance

Armstrong takes overall lead in Alps, sets up No. 6

BY JOHN LEICESTER
The Associated Press

VILLARD-DE-LANS, France

— Lance Armstrong retook the
overall lead in the Tour de France
on Tuesday, outsprinting his top
two challengers to win the first
stage in the Alps and close in on a
record sixth straight title.

Armstrong moved past Ivan Basso and 1997 Tour champion Jan Ullrich in the curves before the closing stretch to claim his second stage victory in the 2004 Tour and the 18th of his illustrious career. He also has won two team time trials.

"There's something special in winning in a sprint," Armstrong said. "To win in a sprint for me is much more intense than being alone"

The Texan earned his 61st yellow jersey as overall leader, meaning he will overtake Miguel Indurain for third place when he wears his jersey during Wednes-



day's stage. Armstrong also wore yellow for one day after the team time trial July 7, but he ceded the lead to Frenchman Thomas Voeckler the next day.

"It's exciting to take the yellow jersey, even if it's number 61 or however many. It's still a thrill," Armstrong said.

Voeckler held on until Tuesday, having bravely and narrowly defended his advantage in the Pyrenees. Armstrong entered those mountains trailing by nine minutes and whittled that down to 22 seconds heading to the Albs.

Five-time Tour runner-up Ull-

rich's bid to dethrone Armstrong was hurt in the Pyrenees, but Basso appeared to still have a shot after two weeks of punishing

Neither Ullrich nor Basso, though, had the strength to stay with Armstrong at the end of Tuesday's 112-mile ride from Valreas to Villard-de-Lans, including seven climbs. in heat topping 85

Having pulled ahead of the rest of the riders, that trio — plus Ullrich's teammate Andreas Kloden — jockeyed for an edge during the closing yards, trading leads of a bicycle length or so.

In the end, Armstrong had a little extra, flashing past Basso on a late turn and pumping his legs to carry himself across the finish

line first, pumping his fists.

Basso was credited with the same finishing time, with Ullrich three seconds behind, and Kloden six seconds back in fourth

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Frenchman Thomas Voeckler, above, held the overall lead for nine stages after taking it July 8.



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